Food conspiracy

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Food Conspiracy: Government prevents people from moving out of cities

Video Script

1. Introduction

Government restricts sale of farmland

In our last [video about the insanity of laws and law enforcement] (Governments with their Law enFORCEment are the root of all human suffering, 2018), we told how local municipality has impeded the sale of part of our farmland.

> (Voicemail from our buyers whom government restricted to build a house on this property):
> - Hey Sam, it's Dave and Michel down the street calling. Sam, we went to see the City, and inquired about your property. And unfortunately they will not allow us to build a house on that property. The zoning is A1, which, they're saying, is the highest restricted area. If ever down the road you actually get it severed, I'll be very interested looking at it to get it…

We couldn't believe some "authorities" could interfere with private decisions like the sale of own property. It also looked counterproductive, as more ownerships on one land would render government more in property taxes!

We have also heard from some land buyer that the rest country lots she saw were under the same veto.

What is behind such bizarre restrictions, an agenda more lucrative than the immediate tax collection?

Government pushes people into cities/towns

Let's put it this way. With this land being a farmland, why does the government prevent people from moving to countryside? Does it aim at preventing people from becoming self-sufficient, from being able to live off

land, by growing their own food? Because if the government can control food, it can certainly tighten its control over people to the max.

We learned that the history was filled with various attacks on peasants. In this video, we want to show you what's being done to food producers in this century, and what this means to all of us.

For a while already, we've gotten inspired with the idea of being able to grow our own food. Yet, once we measured the efforts, financially this idea appeared like a pointless waste of efforts. The toil is hard, but the cost of labor is ridiculously low. Any no-sweat, no-result, office work pays way more than that!

How could that be that the products so essential for everybody's life, which also not everyone wants to labor to produce, could be so unfairly lowest-paid?

Poor farmers are the lowest-paid

Knowing that 99% of vegetables and fruits are coming now from long distance, and with the ridiculously cheap prices we pay here for food, also after deducting the intermediaries' costs – for packaging, preservation, transportation, distribution – which take at least 75 cents off every dollar spent on food – what's left to the actual food grower is close to zero! Considering that growing food takes at least half a year of labor (even compared to a day of selling), how can that be fair?

We've been brought to believe that the low market price of food must be due to the low cost of living in food producing countries. But soon we discovered that those farmers have to buy major food staples for themselves on the world market.

Besides, in this irrational food economy, even developed countries' farmers barely make ends meet. Farmers in Ontario report that, to keep their farms operational, they have to rely on off-farm earnings for their *main* income. 80% of them would be below the poverty line if they relied solely on their farm earnings.

> *In fact, "In the days of Henry VII., an agricultural labourer, gained 154 per annum in our money; to-day, he only earns*

30."
(Thorold Rogers, quoted in The Annals Of Toil By J. Morrison Davidson)

In 1910, farmers received 40 cents of every dollar spent on food, but in 1990, they captured less than a dime.

Is food becoming a redundant, obsolete, useless item? Are city dwellers fed on air alone now?

This state of affairs is contrary to being a fair market; and we hear that farmers in both global South and North demand abolition of 'trade distorting' practices. "If we could just make food cost what it's worth," they say. What distorting practices they're talking about?

Global food supply. Potato from Egypt

- Nearly 40% of the food that we eat is foreign. We **import food from 125 different countries**.
- Food superhighway. It never stops moving.
- It's made possible by a vast web of motorways, shipping lanes, and flight paths. But the distance that food travels seems crazy to me.
- We import food from other countries. And they can come from the most unlikely places. One of them is Egypt. This is where we import our fresh potato from. Egypt is one of the world's biggest potato exporters. Egypt produces over 4 hundred thousand tons of potato. It must take a **colossal amount of energy** to produce that amount and ship them all the way to our supermarkets.
- I wanted to know why farmer choses to grow potato here, and not somewhere a bit easier.
- It feels like nothing could ever grow out there. **The dessert sand doesn't have any nutrients**.
- **By mixing fertilizer and water**, Hashim has solved the biggest problem of growing crops in the dessert.
- Water for the sprinklers has being pumped from the staggering 350 meters below ground. Hashim's drills tap into the world's largest underground water system. It was created deep under Sahara. **Once used, it's gone forever**.
- I wonder if all this effort is really necessary. And if growing potato

here seems to be bonkers, how it gets to us is even more surprising.

- So, once you've sorted them, you gotta pack them. Exactly. We pack them into these jumbo bags, put in the potatoes, put some peat moss on it. You put peat on in? – Yes. So why would you put peat on in? It helps if potato rubs against each other, the skin will get a little bit damaged. It also holds the moisture in the peat. And where does it come from? We import it from Ireland. All the way from Ireland? - From Ireland, yes. So, **the seed potatoes are from Scotland, the peat for packing – from Ireland, you grow potatoes and then send them all over to UK**? Yeah. – That's a long-long trip, isn't it? But peat takes so long to renew, **it's not sustainable**.
- This giant ship can carry 10,000 containers full of food from South-East Asia, the Middle East and Africa. But **some foods perish so fast**, they can't go by sea.
- 15 tons of green beans every day have sent to Nairobi airport. The flight, temperature-controlled hold of Boeing 767 keeps the beans cold which prevents decay.
- I hadn't realized but the **beans go by the passenger jets**, as most of the highly perishable foods traveling the world by air. (BBC From Crop to Shop Jimmys Supermarket Secrets)

Isolationism - Where is food coming from?

Great majority of what North Americans eat comes from a global everywhere, yet from nowhere that they know in particular. The distance from which their food comes represents their **separation from the knowledge** of how and by whom what they consume is produced, processed, and transported. If the production, processing, and transport of what they eat is destructive of human life and of the land - as it very often is - how can they understand the implications of their own participation in the global food system, when those processes are located elsewhere and so are obscured from them? It makes farmers are ever more economically and ethically distant from consumers. Distancing disempowers.

Besides, such global food supply causes a lot of problems:

1. Tremendous amount of energy is required to move products from field to table.
2. Food for export removes nutrients from the local ecologies, which then need to be replenished in other ways.
3. Nor does food itself escape the deleterious effects of distancing.
4. Such long distancing also unavoidably creates an awful amount of waste (garbage).

- 30 to 50% of the food that's produced can be lost before it reaches the market or before it reaches people's plate.
- I'm often shocked at how much food we waste and throw out in this society.
- Think about the amount of food that is wasted in processing, also in transportation, and also at the retail level.
- The agroecology means closing the loops. So all this food waste it... **there is no waste in nature**. If it can be cycled back, it's nutrients. It's called nutrient cycling, nutrient management. That's one piece. **We're depleting all the natural conditions, and we're causing health problems by this industrial form of farming**. (Paikin, Feeding the World 2050, 2011)

Yet, apparently somebody finds it all very profitable.

- They don't want us to know how they're producing the food, because they want to control the narrative.
- We've got bills introduced in 13 or 14 state legislatures in the United States that would criminalize the publication of photographs taken in factory farms.
- Our daily experience doesn't actually tell us, or give us the information we need, to understand how a system is working. Our daily experience is we take some money and we buy a commodity. But that doesn't tell you anything about the labor that went into commodity. It doesn't tell you anything about why it is that this commodity costs twice as much as that commodity. The market system disguises all of those social relations. (Paikin, Fixing Food – with Michael Pollan, 2013)

We've met a software programmer recently, who thinks, "Nobody works by hands anymore. Machines produce food. And programs, like Java Script, which I write, control the machines." That programmer believes the propaganda lies he's fed with. He has no idea that of those who produce the vast majority of what we eat, 90% are small-scale peasant farmers, by the way by using less than a quarter of the total amount of the world's agricultural land. And unless you confuse nutritious food with the poisonous product of agribusiness, machines cannot possibly replace manual labor in agriculture.

- The potatoes all gonna be picked up by hand.
- They must chop everything as fast as possible.
- This is a hard work! See if you can do 40 kilos of beans. And this is just the 1st run! I'm never going to look at a pack of beans the same way after this. Over a hundred people from nearby towns and villages are employed at the pack house.

- To prepare the fish which will be sold at low prices on the European market, more than a thousand workers process 1000 tons of panga per day. Employee compensation depends on their performance, up to 150 euros per month. But to do that, they must keep up the pace. On average, 10 seconds per fillet, 10 hours a day. The more they work, the more they earn. That's the rule here. (Farmed Norwegian Salmon World's Most Toxic Food)

- I'm gonna bet that 99% of the people that buy a dozen eggs at a store or a carton of milk, have no clue how this system works.
- I think a lot of people don't realize that if it wasn't for the farmer the wouldn't have any food. And part of the problem is so many people have never lived in the rural area, and most of the people now live in the cities. So when it comes down to it, all they think about is milk come out in a bag. They have no concept of what it took to get that milk into the bag. It's scary. (The Rural Revolution: Fight for Survival)

- We are increasingly disconnected from our food.
- That happens when the food chain gets very long, globalized.

What do we hear about those countries?

To understand the agenda behind all that, we started by recalling of what we've heard from the mainstream news about the major food producing countries. We're told about:

- people there suffering from poverty and diseases, which Bill Gates purposes to vaccinate,
- local governments sending them various "aids",
- Canadian government parading over making free trade agreements with one country after another,
- terrorists' threats in those regions, causing dispatches of armies for both participation, and training and supply of military arsenal to arm the locals.

Let's ponder over these pieces of information logically.

How could hunger be a problem for South farmers?

How could countries, from where all those shiny vegetables and fruits we see in the supermarkets in U.S. or Canada are coming from, be synonymous with famine? How can Africa, where one in three people is malnourished, grow tomatoes and butter lettuce for export?

How can they feed the world without being able to feed themselves?

How could hunger appear in regions where soil is the most fertile and climate allows up to three harvests a year?

And if they weren't able to feed themselves, how could survive by now, and not become extinct?

Of course, those countries had the land, labor, and skills to feed their populations!

Developing countries are poor today precisely because they were, and are, much richer in primary resources. And today's developed countries made every effort in the past to acquire control, and continue to this day to depend on these developing countries for their food, energy, and other natural resources.

- With our continent having been blessed with so many minerals, our lands have been fought over, and shared, and divided along lines

> that show no rhyme or reason. The pursuit of gold and other minerals does reduce many of our forests to degraded lands, some of our rivers to polluted water bodies, and diamonds from our lands are now sometimes labeled blood diamonds. The irony is not lost on many that our continent so rich in the minerals of our sought-after by the world should remain inhabited by the poorest people on the globe. (Canadian Mines in Africa)

What's done to those countries is what's been for centuries done to peasants in general - the only people on earth perfectly able to provide for themselves and be independent of government.

The progress of capital from the beginning relied on subordination of agriculture!

The ingenuity of politicians has been applied to devising taxes and numerous restrictions that drain them like a vampire sucking the blood of its victim.

2. Neoliberalism. Export-oriented agriculture. Deprived of own staple products (developing countries)

Most recently, Africans have been forced to accept the dictates of **neoliberalism**, which spans across roughly the last 4 decades.

Shift to exotic food growing & dismantling of domestic grain procurement

World Bank and International Monetary Fund, with the so-called philanthropy houses such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, through Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs), demanded from countries of the Global South to commit to:

- deregulation of industry,
- liberalization of trade,
- elimination of barriers to foreign direct investment (FDI),
- and strengthening of guarantees of private property rights.

Labor and tax policies forced tropical countries to **dismantle their domestic systems of grain procurement**, and instead cultivate fanciful crops and raw materials for the colonial states.

> - "What's on offer for contract farming in the global South now is supplying what we lost, which is fresh fruits and vegetables, shrimp, aquaculture. And it's not clear it's not at the expense of their own food systems, their own food security. Contract farming encourages farmers in Kenya to produce a field of green beans which they can't eat or can't sell unless the Walmart checker wants it." (Paikin, Feeding the World 2050, 2011)

This shift in cropping pattern towards exports, as mandated under trade liberalisation policies, led to shortages of basic food staples for its own population. Deficits are supposed to be met by their accessing the global market for grains, which is dominated by USA, Canada and the European Union.

Just as in the past peasants were obliged to sell what they grow for cash income to pay the exorbitant taxes, the hungry smallholder farmers in the South are obliged to sell what they grow for cash income, to buy food in

the market. The World Trade Organization (WTO) even enforced minimum import rule!

By the mid-1990s, a large number of developing countries (Latin America and much of sub-Saharan Africa), undergoing shifts, became dependent on food import. Mexico—the home of maize— has been transformed by NAFTA-style liberalization into a food deficit country, importing U.S. corn!

The farmers in South now depend on prices for their crops to survive. But the U.S. government, in its fight for the export dominance, have been allowed to subsidize U.S. farmers.

Food aid & subsidies

"U.S. export dominance was far from being a natural result of resources or efficiency," says agricultural sociologist Harriet Friedmann, "instead, it was based on its unique capacity to use tax revenues to buy vast quantities of domestic wheat".

So, the subsidies stimulate overproduction, establish an artificial 'world price' (below production costs), and, through the dumping of agricultural surpluses, is deployed as a weapon of dispossession against farmers everywhere.

- They tell us we need industrial agriculture to feed the world. They've been using that argument for many years to convince farmers to grow more than was good for farmers.
- They needed an ideology to say 'we know your prices would be better if you grew a little less', but why don't you over **produce and we'll dump it on the rest of the world**?
- The subsidies are such a trade distorting mechanism. I tend to view those as criminal acts, because what they do is they drive farmers in the global South out of business, who can't compete with dumped products, that are being heavily subsidized by various governments around the world, they can't compete and they go out of business.
- Who should be penalized is the government for giving taxpayers' money to these guys. That's not good business… U.S. is very heavily subsidized, European Union very heavily subsidized… It's wasting

> taxpayers money to give us handouts. Maybe we could have that's money better spent… Most guys I know don't want handouts… We want markets. (The Rural Revolution: Fight for Survival)

Subsidies favor multi-nationals

The total amount of subsidies paid by the US and EU is huge - $2 billion a day (New York Times 2005; The Economist 2003; The Guardian 2005).

Since 1965, more than 80% of U.S. wheat exports were financed by so-called food aid.

Besides, these subsidies are notorious in that they are inequitably distributed. The top 10% of recipients, who are the largest producers, agro-food TNCs, receive more than 70% of all farm subsidies, which reinforces capital concentration.

So, the 'agriculture of the middle' is rapidly disappearing even in the North. In just 10 years (2003 – 2013), 4 million small farms disappeared within the European Union. Which is the equivalent of an average of some 1,100 farms per day.

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Three interest groups support the status quo on U.S. food aid:

1) agribusiness firms,
2) maritime companies,
3) and a powerful group of private voluntary organizations (PVOs).

1 - Agribusiness in the U.S. is a highly concentrated business: three firms (Cargill, ADM and Zen Noh) export over 80% of U.S. corn.

2 - U.S. shipping, which accounts for nearly 40% of total costs of U.S. food aid programs, receives standing subsidy through the Department of Defense, because Congress considers the maintenance of a civilian U.S. fleet to be a national security concern.

Again, it's a highly concentrated business. In 2003, just two - Cargill and Archer-Daniels Midland (ADM) - won the contracts to provide most of all the shipments.

3 - U.S. private voluntary organizations (PVOs) generate millions of dollars of revenue by selling U.S. commodities in local markets in developing countries.

U.S. Aid is pricy for American taxpayers

U.S. aid, which comes with relatively few strings attached to the recipients, costs more than $2 of taxpayer money to generate $1 of distributed food procured as food aid.

For a foreign aid to donate or sell, the U.S. government is paying to agribusinesses up to 70% more than the prevailing domestic market price for corn.

Moving large amounts of commodity from one place to another across thousands of miles is seldom a good use of resources.

Finally - looking in the gift horse's mouth - because majority of all U.S. corn is genetically engineered, that's what U.S. food aid contains, which by itself does a huge disservice to the recipients, considering still little known adverse health effects of GMO corn, especially for those for whom maize is a dietary staple.

Even the fact that food aid shipments from the U.S. take an average of 5 months to reach their destination—makes them pointless for rapid response, and potentially harmful if the shipments arrive at a time when domestic production is available in the market. Shouldn't food arrive at the right time, if it is to help rather than hinder a recovery?

U.S. food aid doesn't fulfil its promise as it advertises

What's the worse is that the commercial self-interest is dressed up as a food aid, as a charity to assuage the hunger, to appeal to the public conscience. This is immoral. This clouds our thinking, instead of motivating to look to address the root causes of hunger.

- "We underestimate how much benefit we get in the long from a very, very small amount of foreign aid that we put in." (Canadian

Global News of 10-01-2019 on Canada's foreign aid)

A single fortune gained by trading in goods necessary to the people,
or in goods harmful in their effects,
or by financial speculations,
or by acquiring land at a low price, the value of which is increased by the needs of the population,
or by an industry ruinous to the health and life of those employed in it,
or by military or civil service of the state,
or by any employment that feeds men's temptations –
a single fortune acquired in any of these ways,
not only with the sanction, but even with the approval of the leading men in society,
and embellished with an ostentation of philanthropy,
corrupts men incomparably more than millions of thefts and robberies committed against the recognized forms of law and punishable as crimes. (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You)

"True generosity consists precisely in fighting to destroy the causes which nourish false charity." — Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, 1970.

"Is not labor the creator of capital, the producer of all wealth? Is it not the men who labor that feed and clothe all others?.. How, then, does it come that working-men alone need protection?" (Protection or Free Trade)

Food dumping

Under Butz's subsidy scheme, the influx of cheap subsidized U.S. grain, bearing no relation to the cost of production, destabilized the developing world and thus allowed giant agribusiness to capture local agricultural markets.

With monopoly, prices rise

Thanks to monopoly pricing by agribusiness, as well as the criminal switch to agrofuels, expressed in alternative energy policies in an age of global warming, in 2007, the food import bill of developing countries rose by 25%.

People who have been perfectly self-sustaining before – in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa – now have to spend on food over 80% of family budget, buy staple food at world prices, while living on less than 1 dollar a day.

- Food prices in some parts of the world are spiking. Why is that happening? - What is happening is that the production of the major cereals is highly concentrated. For example, in rice only 4 countries will be responsible of 90% of all the exports. Therefore, if something happens in any of these countries, it will automatically put more pressure on prices.

Hunger

- As people around the world continue to protest the soaring prices of basic food items, the World Food Program has described the crisis as a "silent tsunami". In its report, the UN faulted the so-called liberalization program for gutting agricultural production.
- It's the crisis in costs for food. Things like rice, millet, - they're paying up to a 100% more than they did a year ago. And these are families, many of them, **80% of their normal income goes to food**. So when you see prices jacked like that, that's a terrible situation for them.
- These are people are making a dollar and a half a day, just in good times. (Paikin, Dave Toycen - West Africa's Food Crisis, 2012)
- Developing countries not only fail to industrialize, they lost their capacity to feed their people. Nowhere is this perhaps more clear than in the case of Haiti. 30 years ago, Haiti had the rice it needed, then in 1986 Haiti turned to the IMF for a loan. Now after cutting tariff protection on local rice, Haiti imports most of its rice from the United States, which in turn remains heavily subsidized.
- Since 1981, the United States has followed a policy that we, rich

countries, who produce a lot of food, should sell it to poor countries and relieve them of the burden of producing their own food. It has not worked. It was a mistake. It was a mistake that I was party to. I have to live every day with the consequences of the loss capacity to produce a rice crop in Haiti to feed those people. (Bill Clinton) (Capitalism, 2014)

- In Nigeria, in the northern region alone, more than 200,000 people with severe malnutrition, more than a half a million kids with acute malnutrition. And these are rural people.
- So that porridge, once a day, is what they've got to live on? - That's right. - Which country you were in? - This is in Mali, in West Africa.
- Why do we have a billion people hungry right now? It is ironic that the majority of them actually live in rural areas of developing countries, indeed over 70% of the world's extremely poor. That's a billion people, and 4 out of 5 of them are farmers! How is it that farmers are going hungry?

"What is this state of things which condemns producers to a life of toil while non-producers loll in luxury?" - Henry George, (Progress and Poverty)

"The farmer is so exploited that the greater part of the wealth he produces is taken from him, via legal robbery." – Clarus Ager (The Farmer and the Interests - A Study in Economic Parasitism)

But actually what is new? During the Great Depression, while millions of North Americans suffered hunger and malnutrition, there was actually a surplus of food. During that period, the American government intervened by purchasing 65 million bushels of wheat in 1930 and in 1933, as part of Roosevelt's New Deal, farmers were paid to let their land fallow, and six million hogs were slaughtered in an attempt to eliminate an agricultural surplus, thereby maintaining commodity prices.

In Ireland, during the potato blight famine, peasants died by the thousands, but grain, meat, butter, and cheese destined for export were carted past trenches piled with the dead.

Sub-Summary of neoliberalization

Present political construction of commodity prices, by means of the subsidization of agro-food capital, accomplished these goals:

1. **overproduce** food commodities and **drive down the price of domestic food and wage costs**;
2. **subsidize overconsumption** in the North;
3. **depress the price of food commodities** in the world market to the **advantage of urban** consumers;
4. rapidly and massively **displace agrarian** petty commodity producers;
5. forcibly **deflate wages**; and
6. vastly **expand a globally mobile population** of agricultural refugees.

- In Ghana, as in Haiti, loans to alleviate the country's debt were given on condition of opening up the country's economy to foreign investment. The program even has a neutral name: Structural Adjustment Program.
- They came in and said: "Alright, we'll give you bridge loans, we'll help you pay, restructure your debt, but there will be conditions." The conditions were essentially those of extreme free market ideology and opening the country to outright pillage by transnational corporations.
- This market shows to you the mass unemployment that exists in Ghana. You can see it across the street, everywhere. People are selling goods and services, it becomes part of the informal sector. Rice of Thailand, American rice, Vietnamese rice... this is rice we are now importing.
- This is what happens when you liberalize the economy. Cheap importation of these goods and services coming in at the expense of local manufacturing business.
- Liberalizing our economy meant to open up our market to foreign interest. So, most of the industries you see around us were either sold off to foreign private investors, or were knocked down and new buildings were built. (Capitalism, 2014)

3. Global attack on peasants

Canadian farmers are struggling, also

At this stage, food security in the 'First World' is built on food insecurity in the 'Third World'.

But the bigger agenda is looking to eliminate small food producers everywhere, including the developed countries.

Part of it is that the low-cost agro production from South has exerted downward pressure on Northern farmers.

- They're competing with cheap food coming in from other parts of the world.

That effect is followed by the numerous government regulations and 'red tape' that are purposely taking away farmers' freedom and their ability to survive.

- Maybe 1% of all our sales is just local.
- Beef is still being imported into Canada, where yet Canadian producers are torn…
- We've got consumers everywhere in Ontario who want to buy direct from a farmer, and we've got no mechanism for them to do it.
    - The time when supply management was finally in fully implement 1971, there was a 122 000 dairy farmers in Canada. There's now less than 13 000. So if the idea was we need this program to preserve the family farm, it hasn't actually done that, and arguably its accelerated the demise.
        - Wait a sec, you get no subsidy from the government? But some will interpret the system itself as a subsidy.
- It is fundamentally about governments that are jeopardizing the entire rural way of life in our country. Having all the bureaucrats out chasing the farmers... How many farmers they've put out of business!
- We're seeing a lot of regulations coming through, most of them have this environmental camouflage.
- Farming cannot pay for all that regulation; we cannot pay for it.

- I don't like the so many government rules, regulations, legislations coming down to: clean water act, nutrient management, the oceans, fisheries,...
- “They want to classify us as industrial. The government wants to slap this big tax on it. It actually prevented some producers from making maple syrup last year.”
- “We're in depression prices as far as the know the cost of fuel goes up, costs of hydro goes up… but yet your income has been reduced to basically zero…”
- Your profit margin keeps getting smaller and smaller.
- All I've seen is this rise in taxes, and increase in bureaucrats.
- Three years ago they started making me pay a levy on every bird I brought in from Quebec. I have to have licenses from chicken farmers of Ontario, Ontario chicken egg hatching Commission, the turkey Marketing Board, and I have to have a license from natural resources, and I have to fill out papers and I have to subit to the Marketing Board weekly - all purchases, all the sales, with every detail. They're using that as an excuse to eliminate the fence here. They're saying that we don't meet the health regulations standards.
- We've totally disagree with the over-regulation of small abattoirs, these family-owned meatpacking plants,
- And they're being killed by regulation that provides no value to anybody other than further increasing the monopoly of the big boys.
- We've had enough of this government closing out our meat packers… We need to be able to process our meats.
- If we lose those small abattoirs we will have no way of marketing our meats.
- I just had a visit from the minister of the environment and the bureaucrats, and realized that they can put me out of business, and everything I had worked for the last 28 years could be in jeopardy.
- I've never voted for a politician in my life, and asked him or her to protect me from myself.
- The fight were involved in now is a lot more than just sawdust, nutrient management. It's about having the freedom to make a living off your property, and not have to worry about our government

arriving and putting you out of business. We want to justice and freedom, and a whole lot less government control.

- In the last year they've closed down eight small family sawmills.
- They instructed me to hire a consultant to tell me what to do. And I'm being 72 years old, I think I knew just as much as that young guy there in Ottawa, who wanted twenty-five hundred dollars from me just to say hello.
- I've been in court eight times now, and still no answer. What the environment would call waste, but I'm calling it compost. 50-60 years that we were in business and never would we ever think of making the environment a bad thing. In fact, there was never any commercial fertilizer or any spray on this farm, in... ever.
  Earl spent the day driving us around two sawmills. Many of them were hidden. He tries to hide it in here, too. They are afraid, yeah. Why should you be afraid of working? Jesus, it's terrible.
- (Protecting Greenbelt – another excuse to grab land? Otherwise how "protecting the environment" corresponds to GMO, ChemTrails, and other harmful for environment government practices?)
- The latest game of regulatory roulette - the Ontario government sterilized almost two million acres of land. Much of it privately owned. It has of course a warm and fuzzy name - the Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt, and all the usual support from lobby groups that will benefit from its early adoption. But it doesn't have scientifically proven justification. It doesn't have an appeal process, and that damn well doesn't have any compensation for disenfranchised landowners.
- The country is done, I think. (The Rural Revolution: Fight for Survival, 2005)

Small farming vs. agribusiness

Curiously, all these increased human insecurities, and driving small farmers out of business, are represented by agribusiness initiatives as a development initiative to feed the world, in the name of food security.

- Gandhi quote: "We've got enough for everybody's need, but not enough for everybody's greed."

Together with the Rockefeller Foundation, the Gates Foundation launched the Alliance for a **Green Revolution** in Africa (AGRA) in 2006, whose

avowed aim is **to eradicate hunger in Africa** 'through promotion of **rapid, sustainable agricultural growth**'. In reality its programme rides on the backs of smallholder farmers to make profits for agribusiness and **promote genetically modified organisms** (GMOs), produced by the world's most notorious seed multinational companies like **Monsanto**.

- This group of cotton growers banded together to fight the invasion of their fields by genetically modified seeds.
- Seed in India has been recognized a source of life. In the very word "Bija", "Ja" is life.
- Those seeds have now been genetically engineered and made into a commodity which farmers are encouraged to buy annually.
- It is the greed of capital accumulation that has turned seed into something that has to be bought every year. That has been turned into a commodity, a consumer product, and the combination of new sources of profit for corporations.
- "The harvest had not sold well, and our children's health had deteriorated. Our debts had increased. So as the harvest was not selling, he swallowed poison, in the fields."
- "That's the day the farmers will drink pesticide to end their lives, and the figure has now hit 260,000 suicides." (Capitalism, 2014)

AGRA promotes the industrial agriculture model, based on **intensive technology**, use of **chemical fertilisers**, herbicides, pesticides and high-breed seeds, and had **ruinous effects on the environment and smallholders**. Directly and indirectly, AGRA is connected with transnational agribusiness corporations and biotech lobbies, using the **revolving door** with the government to advance their interests.

- The food industry managed to convince people that it has to be the way it is.
- They tell us we need industrial agriculture to feed the world.
- Industrial agriculture uses that argument to frighten people.
    - I can promise you that industrial agriculture is not feeding the world right now.
- It's dependent on fossil fuel - all the fertilizers, the processing, the transportations, it's basically 10 calories of fossil fuel energy to produce 1 calorie of food. That is not a sustainable system.

- I worry about the quality of the soil. We have been abusing our soils for now a couple generations, and they're not producing as well, - it takes more fertilizer to get the same amount of food, it takes more pesticide to get the same amount of food. And that's because our soils are not just disappearing, but we're changing their structure, their life their bacterial life is in trouble, because of all the chemicals we put on it. That is a potential a very serious problem.
- We used to grow animals and plants in a very elegant rotation, so that on a farm you could grow the feed for the animals the plants fed the animals, and the animals produced waste that fed the plants. It was a closed nutrient loop. Then we did something which seemed really smart at the time but doesn't look so smart now. We took the animals off the farms, concentrated them in feedlots, and we took a solution, and neatly divided it into two problems. The first problem is we had a fertility deficit on the farm that we had a remedy with chemical fertilizers. The other problem is this manure produced in huge quantities now, which had been a blessing on farms, became essentially a source of toxic pollution, which is what it is. It's polluting the water, it's polluting the air. So, you can't have a sustainable agriculture without plants and animals in a rotation.
- Can we do a highly productive sustainable agriculture? - I have seen models that work. They tend to be labor-intensive. Now, is that a blessing or a curse? For many years, we regarded it as a curse. (Paikin, Fixing Food – with Michael Pollan, 2013)

4. Physical attack on peasants: dispossession

Loss of land – land grabbing

From the impact of trade liberalization, at least between 20 and 30 million people have lost their land.

Those campesinos who have still stubbornly clung to their land, to sustain their agricultural activities, had to resort to off-farm work. Several, typically male, family members, often as salaried workers to agribusiness, make their remittances, to supplement family farm labor. (Although most workers' take-home pay a mere one-third of 'sustainable living wage,'

forcing them to rely on household and community networks to pool resources to make ends meet.)

Their migration to urban centers or to foreign countries seeking for better income, has added to women's overwork and left them helpless and even more vulnerable to abuse. This made it easier to dispossess peasants entirely from their land.

Encouraged and protected by the governments, a number of large agribusiness multinationals have been involved in 'land grabbing'. Millions of acres became alienated to so-called investors.

- Particularly in Africa, large land purchases by foreign countries may challenge future food sovereignty.
- If you have a hugely rural population, where the vast of people were agriculturalists, and you had communal ownership of land, and then you made land private property, quite soon you would have some people losing their land, and other people gaining more lands. So you'd quickly have large land owners and small land owners, and then you would have quickly a large landless population. (Capitalism, 2014)

It's not only agribusiness that dislocates peasants. On the frontline of neoliberalization, there are conflict-ridden sectors of open-pit mining, also hydroelectrical development, tourism, biofuel plantations, carbon-credit forests, and low-waged textiles and manufacturing—the maquiladora zones – all taking their cuts.

Mining businesses fleece those countries the most. And Canada is leading it.

- 85% of the world's mining deals are done in Canada. Canadian companies account for over 40% of global exploration budgets. And they have interests in more than 3,000 mineral properties, in more than 100 countries. In mining, Canada is a big player. As commodity prices boom around the world, Canada's mining industry is booming, too. It's also under increasing scrutiny. (Canadian Mining Industry)

- Land grabbing, the concept called land grabbing what happened with mining industry.
- This is about gold mine in Ivory coast. When it began operations in 2014, residents hoped it would create jobs. Instead, it created tensions. Residents who sold their land for the mine couldn't get jobs there, and could no longer make a living.
- They're killing community. How do you close your eyes to what's happening? (Canadian Mines in Africa)
- People here consider this to be ancestor land. Beneath homesteads, maize fields, and playgrounds lies nine million tons of ilmenite, the source of titanium.
- The mining is not good for our area. Because in our area we do agriculture. And once the mining takes over, or takes place, there will be no agriculture. (South Africa Mining community mourning killed activist)

The most typical example of land grabbing became taking advantage of the fact that many places in the world up until now still maintained communal ownership of land.

- "We do not own the land. We hold the land in custody for the community." (South Africa Mining community mourning killed activist)

> *"France still retains almost ten million acres of communal land. In England, while over eight million acres have been enclosed since 1710, some two million acres still remain as commons, though mostly worthless soil." (Henry George)*

Unlike the monopoly of natural opportunities, communal ownership kept land accessible to the presently living and working, to take the nature's reward, without withholding by the few the resources that Nature gave to all people.

> *"The equal right of all people to* ***the use of land is as clear as their equal right to breathe the air****—a right proclaimed by the very fact of their existence."*
> *(Henry George)*

“The earth belongs in usufruct to the living.”
(Thomas Jefferson)

The opinion that private property in land is necessary to society is a comparatively modern idea, as artificial and as baseless as the divine right of kings. History, research, and the observations of travelers prove that unrestricted individual ownership has never been freely adopted. It has always been born in war and conquest—and in the selfish use of law by the cunning. (Recall quite recent Banana Wars!)

“In Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Polynesia—land was once considered common property. All members of the community had equal rights to the use and enjoyment of the land of the community.” - Henry George (Progress and Poverty)

People who live further from the centers of material progress - in places with less influence of education and habit - have better instincts and more acute sense of justice. They understood how unfair the private ownership of land is, and resisted it. That’s why many peasants did not even have land titles.

Now, corporations are taking advantage of that. They go directly to the state, and claim that land, and kick off the peasants once they have the documents.

A 1996 study of the World Bank-assisted and other development project concluded that, for lucrative development possibilities, city officials have confiscated land from as many at least 90 million farmers in one decade alone. The number of forcibly displaced people is almost 4 times the number of people worldwide who were displaced as a result of wars and conflicts.

- After years of rumors that mining companies were exploring in Haiti, Canadian-US corporations now confirmed they have permits to mine as much as one-third of the land. Haiti's new prime minister says the estimated twenty billion dollars’ worth of minerals in Haiti's hills could help liberate it from dependency on foreign aid.

But many worry the mines will be a boon for foreign investors and a bust for local communities.

- Can you tell us Jane about the farmer who brought you a letter. - He said we're worried because we heard that gold mining can sometimes pollute the water, and we're farmers.
- Mining companies have said they can create hundreds of jobs. - Well, hundreds of jobs in a country of ten million people…
- There was a Canadian company in there that took away a lot of copper. I think at the boom period there were 900 people working for a couple of bucks a day. So that's not really the way to develop Haiti.
- And you're taking out how many acres or hectares of agricultural land? (Mining for Gold in Haiti. Haiti Helped or Exploited by U.S., Canadian Mining Companies)

"If the laborer has no land - if he cannot use the natural right of every man to derive subsistence for himself and his family out of the land - it's because a certain set of men have appropriated the right of giving or refusing admittance to the land to the laborers. And such unnatural state of order is enforced by the army." (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You)

Dispossessed farmers who now have to lease land, need more cash to pay for the high cash rents on the land they lease in. Thus, the farmers are reduced to the ranks of tenants or laborers.

Nearly all the agricultural laborers are slaves now, growing another's corn on another's field, and gathering it into another's barn.

"Using only bare hands, on an island, men can feed themselves.
But in civilized community, with the cooperation and machinery, where productive power is at its highest, they cannot. Is this not because they are denied access to nature?" (George)

5. Who supports it: government and TNCs (army, interventions)

No fair market. Summary on low farming labor pay.

So, you can see that all these conditions are far from being natural forces. There is no fair market.

> *"If the immense wealth produced by the labor of the working classes is not regarded as the property of all, but as the property of a few exceptional persons;*
> *if labor is taxed by authority and the taxes spent by a few on what they think fit;*
> *if strikes on the part of laborers are repressed, while on the part of capitalists they are encouraged;*
> *if certain persons monopolize the right of making the laws all must obey, and so dispose of the lives and properties of other people, –*
> *all this is done because it is not a result of natural forces, but because the government and ruling classes wish this to be so for their own benefit, and insist on its being so by physical violence." (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You)*

> *"Farmer toils long and hard. He produces much, and, under the operation of the natural laws of supply and demand, he would receive a correspondingly large return, but having produced, he makes no manner of provision for retaining a fair share of his production. The economic laws of the state are **deliberately framed** to take from him the greater part of his production." (Ager, 1916)*

- It's the lie that this somehow this is not it doesn't involve government invention, that it's just market forces. It's very explicitly that **it's government intervention**.
- I don't think most will know what portion of the price they're paying. It's basically government mandated.
- In the US and Europe, where they get lower prices, **they get money from the government in the form of subsidies**, direct and indirect. They have an export subsidy. They also subsidize domestic farmers.

The consumers, in a sense, pay twice. And in a way you could say, why are people who don't drink milk, why should they be paying taxes to support the milk industry? (Paikin, Food and the Market, 2011)

- "Most people will actually accept that there is **such a thing as a free market**. But that's the biggest myth about capitalism. Markets are essentially a political construct. All markets are propped by a huge range of regulations." (Capitalism, 2014)
- "I'm gonna bet that 99% of the people that buy a dozen eggs at a store or a carton of milk, have no clue how this system works.
- I don't think most will know what portion of the price they're paying. It's basically government mandated."
- "The WTO isn't just a trade negotiation. It's a set of rules that are in place that 150 countries have signed on to."
- "We had a lot of trade bound by rules of trade under the WTO."
- "It's a much more sort of direct government management of trade."

No matter how hard the World Trade Organization (WTO) tries to depoliticize the economy, neoliberalization and globalization are inherently political interventions.

Contrary to the assumption that labour power is exchanged at its value, the reality is there is no price discovery, and there's no free market.

- Free trade, or globalization, or globalization rules, rules pushes domestic regulation to the lowest common denominator.
- I'm thinking of example of the huge imbalance of trade between the United States on the one hand, and developing Asia, and particularly China, on the other. The WTO was built on these liberal trading principles in the view that liberalised trade would lead to reasonable equal outcomes in terms of exports, imports, balanced trade, and not these huge trade imbalances between blocks.
- The WTO needs to take the shackles off national governments! (Paikin, The Collapse of Global Trade, 2010)

Those nations are no longer colonies, in theory. But they are submitted to draconian economic and structural reforms they didn't ask for, about which

the majority of the population was not consulted, and which impoverish and subjugate them.

How could the agree on such obviously unfavorable *binding commitments?* Those abusive Structural Adjustment Programs couldn't be the results of mutual negotiations, but of:

1. corruption of national governments,
2. economic and legal pressure from outside of their countries,
3. and global military power.

Corruption

- Obviously, I'm sure, and there's a lot of corruption. And so, you have now also Canadian actors involved in those potentially very much big corrupt cases.

The servile state those nations became possible as the results of the corruption of the national elites.

Into 1990s, Canadian companies (specifically) were at liberty to deduct bribes paid to foreign officials from their taxes (according to Bernard Lamarre former head of Montréal engineering firm Lavalin, now SNC Lavalin).

- According to a 2002 UN report, they had paid bribes and kickbacks to government officials to win the concession.
- The former environment minister with the Argentinian government, in a standing committee of the House of Commons, she accused Barrick Gold of buying off the officials in her department and threatening people on her staff and threatening her. (Global Mining and The Ugly Canadian)

- Talk about the revolving door between government officials and the mining company. - Well, this was something that we did find. And we discovered that the former Minister of Finance is now a consultant for Newmont mining. So he was involved in negotiations of some of the permits which have not yet been published, but he was privy. He sat at the table supposedly on the public interest side, and now he's on the other side of the table on the private interest side. And I know this happens in our country - in this country, in the United States, too. And

it's just appalling. (Mining for Gold in Haiti. Haiti Helped or Exploited by U.S., Canadian Mining Companies)

Most Canadians would likely be surprised at the extent to which our governments and corporations have engaged in what (in any sane world) should be illegal practices.

Legal control – putting pressure on governments. Multinational corporations manipulate governments. Why did those countries agree to FTAs?

When you consider the subsidies, the bribery, the corruption, the military involved - they do not describe merely the domination of the developed countries over developing countries.

The regulations, which formerly balanced supply and demand by the state, are now coming **from the private sector itself**, the multinational corporations.

- What is done is integrated companies across the world. The fact is that the overwhelming majority of trade by value certainly, and possibly by volume, is **intra-company** trade. In other words, companies are trading with their own affiliates, within themselves around the world.
- These trading companies are **becoming governments**! (Capitalism, 2014)

Regulatory agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), are essentially run by the companies that they are charged with inspecting.

As power centralizes with a few companies, and as these companies control both production and international trade policy, the **state has abandoned its role** as 'regulator', and the corporation is now undermining the practice of democracy itself.

The shell of the State is maintained merely as the scapegoat. Unelected global institutions have eroded the power of the nation state, all the while maintaining the illusion that the state is democratic and free to make decisions, thus veiling the true nexus of power. Ulrich Beck describes the state as an empty cage at the zoo. Though people still gather to admire the

cage, the lion is actually prowling uninhibited around the grounds; though people still vote and participate politically, that power is not within political institutions.

At this supra-national level, anti-trust regulations are non-existent, and oligopolies have free reign in their anti-competitive strategies.

These unelected global institutions have managed to create laws allowing them to prosecute states when they believe they have been deprived of their earnings… Their ability to sue — dissuades a national government from siding with a community opposition. To counter “resource nationalism”, they use Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (FIPAs).

These contracts, on the other hand, do not allow means of sanctioning companies in the event of violations of human, labor, or health rights, or protection against environmental contamination.

- There are a number of different sort of kind of horror stories. There's one example that's particularly controversial from the standpoint of the Canadian government, which is that in late 2009, the Congolese government rescinded a mining concession from First Quantum, which is a Vancouver-based company. And in response to the Congolese government rescinding this concession, the Harper government blocked the Paris Club of debtor nations and debt forgiveness to the Congolese government. This is debt forgiveness that was agreed to by all of the other members of the Paris Club of debtor nations. This was debt that was accrued during the Mobutu dictatorship. This is odious debt the majority of Congolese, impoverished Congolese should not have had to repay. This is odious debt the majority of Congolese, impoverished Congolese should not have had to repay. And like I said, it was agreed to by the majority of the Paris Club of debtor nations. To put pressure on the Congolese government, after they had rescinded First Quantum's concession, the Harper government blocked this debt forgiveness.
- Bill C-300, which was a private members bill put forward by a Liberal member of Parliament, was voted down. Basically, what Bill

C-300 would have done is **it would have ended official public support to mining companies** found to be engaged in abuses abroad. So it would end Export Development Canada's financial support to Canadian mining companies. It would end the support of Canadian embassies to companies found to be involved in abuses. And this is a pretty modest, in my opinion, quite a modest bill to bring some controls over Canadian mining companies' operations abroad. It wasn't legislation that would allow local communities to sue Canadian mining companies in Canadian courts. There's been other efforts to bring legislation - similar legislation to what exists in the U.S. to Canada. That's also been - that's been shot down in different committee phases. (Global Mining and The Ugly Canadian)

Only a handful of powerful nodes, or food chain clusters, make key decisions in the agricultural sector.

The so-called "food clusters" increasingly are controlling the entire process of growing and raising food products— from selling seeds and bioengineering animal varieties to producing the pesticides, fertilizers, veterinary pharmaceuticals, and feed to grow them, to transporting, slaughtering, processing and packaging the final "product."

Put simply, “ownership never changes, and neither does the location of the decision-making”.

As Henry George put is, “Those multinationals are not American any more. Transcending nations, they serve not their country’s interests, but their own. They manipulate our tax policies to help themselves. They determine our statecraft. They are autonomous. They do not need to coin money or raise armies. They use ours.”

- Right around the world governments have been forced to **bail out the so-called free market**. We've bailed out the banks, we've subsidized industries, we sorted out the insurance sector, we've underpinned financial services. The New York State's attorney said that Citigroup, Merrill and seven other banks which got a 174 billion dollars in tax founded bail out money, paid out 33 billion in bonuses. (plus, see the government financing private mining business) (Capitalism, 2014)

That’s what’s happening with Canadian tax-paid money.

- When we pay taxes, when we contribute to our pensions, even when we put our money to savings, our money eventually finds its way into Canadian mining companies, in a form of investments, subsidies, and even political support. (We Call Them Intruders)
- What are the mechanisms that the Canadian government use to assist corporations with foreign investments? There are a number of ways that the Canadian government supports those investments. One is through Export Development Canada. The Canadian International Development agency is also active in supporting these investments. particularly in Africa, through a fund that was established quite recently. Again, they're a direct equity supporter of those projects.
  - So, that's international foreign aid being used to support Canadian corporations in in poor countries.
  - That's right. It's an overseas development aid that's being used to support our private sector. (Canadian Mining Industry)

The Canadian government is merely a puppet for the ‘invisible hand’. It has, for over 100 years already, aggressively lobbied/served for Canadian mining companies. When some local interests don't support the mining operation, the Canadian government is clearly intervening in the internal politics to side with the mining company, with weapons in hand. Therefore, it’s not surprising that Canadian army is standing in precisely those places where the gold diggers currently are.

- The government has really aggressively lobbied for Canadian mining companies.
- When some local interests that don't support the mining operation, the Harper government is clearly intervening in the internal politics to side with the mining company.
- And you have--when Stephen Harper goes on diplomatic trips, you know, after--when he went to Chile in 2007--not long before he was in Chile, there was a couple of thousand people that had demonstrated against a Barrick Gold-planned operation in Chile. Harper made sure, when in Chile, to go to the Barrick Gold office in Chile, and say Barrick Gold follows Canadian standards of corporate social responsibility; similarly when he was in Tanzania, not long after Barrick had fired

> hundreds of striking miners at their Tanzanian operations. At another Barrick-run mine in Tanzania, there's been dozens of people killed in conflict, and Harper went out of his way to laud Barrick Gold when in Tanzania. And what that's doing is that there's already a certain power dynamic within Tanzania or Chile around the mining companies, obviously, local interests that support the mining operation. (Global Mining and The Ugly Canadian)

Canadian government is washing off the image of these corporations and builds public opinion in support of their private operations, disregarding their negative social responsibility reputation.

Embassy staff are the frontline missionaries of the mega projects.

- They often assume a role as facilitators for private investors.
- They are being the eyes, ears, and mouthpieces for companies.
- It is embassy staff who navigate the local political terrain, advocate for investors, push for economic liberalization, and report to Ottawa when greater pressure is needed on national governments to advance the corporate interests.

6. Resistance and its criminalization

"Since government assumes the right of annihilating peoples, there is nothing surprising in the fact that the peoples assume the right of annihilating governments. They defend themselves. They are right. No one has an absolute right to govern others." (Guy de Maupassant, quoted by Leo Tolstoy in "The Kingdom of God is Within You")

Land grabbing began in the 2000s. People arrived in communities with heavy machinery. Their government had sold their land to a foreign investor. That was when the people started to rebel.

Reports in the news contained warnings of popular uprisings in about 40 nations around the world. In China's rural areas alone, nearly 80,000 cases of peoples' protests are registered annually.

The bulk of the movement is comprised of small farmers from poor indigenous communities organized to defend ecologies, and their territories against land grabbing.

Protesters had set up road blockades that prevented the expansion of multinational capital in their territories.

In spite of the attempts to distribute money, in spite of the attempts to divide communities, in almost no community where there is a Canadian mining company have they been able to wipe out resistance altogether.

Criminalization

Indigenous peasants resisting dispossession at the hands of a multinational companies become part of the “dangerous classes”- seen as obstacles to progress, — and they are to be removed, by force.

Violence, fraud, corruption, and authoritarian practices became routine on the part of militaries and paramilitaries acting at the behest of big mining companies and resource sectors more generally.

In media, the protests actions against land occupations, struggles against megaprojects - which pose a threat to the smooth reproduction of neoliberalism - are

- either ignored, receive no mention,
- or portrayed as illegal acts of violence and threats to security and democracy.

And, as historically a cloak of heresy has been thrown upon the unwanted to procure their condemnation and removal, so the “war on crime” and the “war on gangs” were called to disguise the repression.

The people, who defend themselves against this business “development”, are demonised and criminalized through the use of highly flexible labels that can be attached to any organizer standing in the way of development projects:

- narco-trafficker,
- terrorist,
- or narco-terrorist.

Under the ideological guise of democratic security, a “terrorist threat” also means that there’s no possibility of dialogue with the “terrorists.” Which justifies the hardening of coercive apparatuses of the state:

- the legal reforms that provide the police with greater power;
- the legal system with tighter restrictions on individual and collective rights and liberties;
- the armed forces with the power to intervene in domestic social conflicts;
- and paramilitary groups with ever greater impunity.

Permanent need in standing army in those countries - Why is Canada in Mali?

- Why is Canada in Mali?
- For Canada, there's a lot of political, but also geo-political long-term interests involved here.
- The fact that Canadian mining companies actually constitute the #1 presence, on the African continent. So, Canada's presence in Mali is huge. And so, **it's beyond an altruistic peacekeeping** mission to actually keep the region safe.
- Wow. This is fascinating. I really didn't realize we had such a great presence there. I think someone who considers herself as fairly informed and follows this, I've certainly seen in through that lens, of the peacekeeping lens, that we're going there for our own altruistic reasons, to prevent this insurgency from spreading. And that's the narrative we get. Frankly, I am ashamed to say I never knew that we had such a strong economic interest in the region through our mining companies.
- There's a lot of reasons for this growing insecurity. The so-called Development Security Nexus between the mining companies, they actually contribute to destabilizing the region. A lot of those communities, especially rural communities, with mining companies coming to displace people from their own towns, we're having a lot of these **displaced people not having access to livelihoods**, access to land anymore.
- The displacement of communities to make a way for mines - that is certainly going to create local grievances.

- The Canadian brand has actually been very much tarnished - from peacekeeping good citizen country to a country that's bringing a lot of despair, to actually country that's exacerbating a lot of the issues in the region. (Peacekeeping Mining and Security in the Sahel Region)

To that, Ken Luckhardt, a national representative for the Canadian Auto Workers made a great point, saying: "**If Canadian mining companies require military forces to operate, they shouldn't be there.**"

Military Interventions

So, you've seen how they

1. Buy off the national governments officials,
2. Put economic and legal pressures on those countries,
3. Now, when first two ways of control aren't working, to overthrow those who happen to oppose the "liberalization", they use bullet-proof brutal tool they always keep in hands - military power, and install the controllable puppets of global powers, by force.

"The core reason why existing social order is as it is not because it naturally must be such, or because the people wish it to be so, but because it is so maintained by violence, by the army." (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You)

Banana wars

- Mr. Edward L Bernays, who was a resident of Cambridge for the working with Guatemala for a war that almost was started because of bananas in the 50s...
- In Guatemala case, you're correct, he was the public relations here and public relations for the propaganda effort to support the **overthrow the democratic government of Guatemala**, which led to horrifying atrocities, which the country is still suffering from, one of the examples that we should be anything but proud of... (Chomsky on Edward Bernays in Guatemala banana war)

In Guatemala:

- "Anti-American sentiment grows in the 50s. Vice President Nixon's

goodwill tour. Angry crowds meet him at every stop. What are they angry about? One answer: Nixon, your government is responsible for the tragedy in Guatemala."

- "It is the first time in the history of the world that the communist government has been overthrown by the people, and for that we congratulate you and the people of Guatemala for the support they have given." - Nixon praises Castillo Armas. What Nixon doesn't say is that Castillo Armas was handpicked by the CIA, that his army was financed and trained by the CIA, and that Castillo Armas didn't lead a popular uprising against a communist regime, but was the head of the CIA sponsored military coup. (United States Intervention in Latin America, 1980s - Film 96268)

- When American engineers finished the Panama Canal in 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt claims the "right to intervene anywhere in the region in order to control the sea lanes to the new canal". (Marines in the Banana Wars)

- A decade after the canal is completed, the interventions begin, when the Marines arrive in Nicaragua in 1914.
- United Fruit Company wants stability so that they can ship the bananas and other fruits here and there.
- The U.S. had to send forces in, that to protect our business interests. These battles become known as the **banana wars, since fruit is one of the largest industries in the region**.

Ad: "Bananas can be eaten at any time and served at any meal."

- Guatemala 1954. Flushed with success, America's secret government decided another troublesome leader must go. This time it was Jacobo Arbenz, the democratically elected president of Guatemala.
- Well of course, there was no nor even a hint of communism in his government.
- Arbenz embarked on a massive land reform program. Less than 3% of the landowners held more than 70% of the land, so Arbenz

nationalized more than 1.5 million acres, including land owned by his own family, and turned it over to peasants.

- Much of that land belonged to the United Fruit Company, the giant American firm, that was **intent on keeping Guatemala quite literally a banana republic**. He was overthrowing the hegemony of the United States over this area!
- The CIA launched a band of mercenaries against Guatemala. Arbenz fled, and was immediately replaced by an American puppet, Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas. He overturned all of the reformist activity of president Arbenz. He took land from the peasants.
- The CIA had called its covert action against Guatemala Operation Success.
- Military dictators ruled the country for the next 30 years. The United States provided them with weapons and trained their officers. Peasants were slaughtered; political opponents were tortured; suspected insurgents were shot, stabbed, burned alive, or strangled. There were so many deaths at one point that coroner's complain they couldn't keep up with the workload of Operation Success.
- "What we did has caused succession of repressive military dictatorships in that country and has been responsible for the death of over a hundred thousand of their citizens." (wn 1954 Guatemala CIA The United Fruit Company Jacobo Arbenz)

In other countries:

- There had been a number of dictatorships that had created a certain degree of "stability" in a number of these nations.
- Marine support of stable governments in Nicaragua, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic doesn't always mean supporting the general population.
- Our forces tended to support more reactionary factions, because the more oppressive, less democratic governments provide a greater order and stability. In this manner, forces very often were seen as anything but liberators.

- The **United States has intervened with military forces 12 times in**

Latin America in this century. Many of these invasions were led by Brigadier General Smedley Butler. In his memoirs 1933, he says:

- "I helped make Mexico safe - for American oil interests.
- I helped make Haiti in Cuba a decent place - for the National City Bank boys to collect revenue in.
- I helped pacify Nicaragua - for the international banking house of Brown Brothers.
- I brought like the Dominican Republic - for American sugar interests.
- I helped make Honduras right - for American fruit companies."
  (United States Intervention in Latin America, 1980s - Film 96268)

Song: "I bring a song about banana, Americanos sing a song about banana."

Switch toward the use of national military forces

Apparently, to prevent such revelations such as General Butler made from coming up to light again, the perpetrators are adding another layer of obscurity. They now arm and **train indigenous Special Operations Forces to do the dirty work**, as those are easier to control.

For centuries, they used people's own forces to make them oppress their own.

> *"Where would the oppressors get any power over you, if you weren't abetting the thief who robs you, if you weren't becoming accomplices to the murderer who kills you, if you did not betray yourselves?"*
> *(La Boëtie, The Politics Of Obedience: The Discourse Of Voluntary Servitude)*

- 250 Canadians just landed on the edge of the Sahara desert, joining the United Nations' mission to Mali, west Africa. And Mali follows what's become a familiar pattern of peacekeeping. It's the world's poorest countries that are doing most of the work.
- Wealthy western countries step back from peacekeeping, poorer

countries are picking up the slack.

- Not long ago the world's wealthiest countries led the way in the world of peacekeeping. For a long time, Canada was number 1. (Canada's peacekeeping, 2018-11-18)

Canada was #1 in “peacekeeping”? Is it a coincident that it’s also #1 in the mining business? And their peacekeeping locations coincide with their mining operations?

- Now, “The developing countries who have their troops on the front line.”

The Canadian security agenda primarily comes now in **more subtle forms**, such as **financing and training corrupt police forces** that routinely violate the human rights of political dissidents.

The “training missions” might seem like innocuous exercises of altruistic foreign policy. But we know this can’t be the case, from the U.S. history of dirty wars.

Since January 2019, Canada has been **deploying police officers to Mali, where they’re** providing ‘advice and leadership’ on issues such as **community policing.**

Canada has been training, conducting “counterterrorist” training **exercises with, funding, and selling arms** to security forces in Colombia, Peru, Honduras, and Guatemala, also in the Sahel region, which covers parts of Senegal, Gambia, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Algeria, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, South Sudan, Sudan and Eritrea. Ottawa ploughed tens of millions of dollars into **training law enforcement**, increasing border security and strengthening legal regimes in those countries.

In Peru in 2011 it announced “training and capacity development in conflict management” in the extractive sector that will “**help Peru to maximize the benefits of its natural resources**.”

In Central America, Canada’s participation has included donation of navigation equipment**,** such as **naval destroyers**, to exercise responses to **threats to the Panama Canal, a key regional transit way** for shipping. And we were wondering, What does Canadian government need war ships for?

- Canada is a small step close to getting new war ships. The federal government has named Lougheed Martin as the top choice to design a $60 billion fleet. $60 billion will buy Canada 15 modern vessels with current technology and better accommodations. This is the biggest public procurement project in Canada's history.
- Canada's aging military equipment needs to be replaced.
- The liberal government has promised billions of dollars for new ships and planes.
- If we don't get money out of the door, you don't actually **have the equipment that you need to do what the government wants the military to do**. (Canadian Global News of 10-19-2018 on warships)

Over the past decade, Canadian naval ships have maintained a patrol off the African continent. HMCS Toronto, in a six-ship task group of NATO, circumnavigate 23,000 kilometres around the continent, spending a year preparing for this trip, and costing Canadian taxpayers $8 million. Canadian Lieutenant Commander Angus Topshee told the CBC that "it's a critical area of the world because Nigeria produces a large amount of the world's light crude oil, and so **when anything happens to that area that interrupts that flow of oil, it can have repercussions** for the entire global economy." More broadly, the objective of circumnavigating the continent was to develop situational knowledge of the various territorial waters. How knowledge of countries' coastlines was to be used was not made entirely clear, but it certainly **wasn't to strengthen their sovereignty**.

Was it to guard off Africans, in a newly-made prison nobody must escape from?

7. Proletarianization

Peasant persistence

To tighten control over earth population, to build a system where everybody depends on the governments and large transnational corporations, and on products sold by these companies, they have been trying to entirely eradicate the peasant way of life altogether.

It wasn't easy, because peasant societies, for various reasons, do not abide by the "laws" of industrial capitalism. Peasants have been producing in order to live, rather than to profit, and that's why they persist under conditions that capitalists would not. These millions of peasants were people that nobody can command.

The same intrinsic quality was puzzling to understand the persistence of 'backwardness' seen in Third World countrysides, also characteristic to Russians and Chinese before revolutions. Capitalist development sees it as an obstacle until "such non-capitalist (agrarian) relations are rooted out and destroyed". (Terence J. Byres, "The Agrarian Question and Differing Forms of Capitalist Agrarian Transitions")

It's been argued that a world socialist revolution, toward Rockefeller and alike lead to, had to wait until capitalism had done its work on the peasantry.

> *"Capital could not squeeze labor as long as labor was free to natural opportunities." (George, Social problems)*

The expropriation of the agricultural producer, of the peasant, from the soil became the basis of the whole process (of subjugation of humanity).

Karl Marx wrote that the country people in Europe were deprived of their land by violence, were evicted and brought to vagabondage, and then, by cruel laws, they were tortured with tongs of hot iron, and were whipped, to make them submit to the condition of being hired laborers.

That's how a property-less population has been created, that has to sell their labor for a wage, and upon this economic relationship capitalism is built.

- When you take land, you disinherit the young, so you have to be able to give them other opportunities to get on in life. When all the land is gone, young people become unemployed.
- That again, become a potential workforce. A workforce that has been freed to move in search of jobs, selling their labor in a globalized marketplace. They left the village and flooded to the city. They changed their situation from being peasants in a very

traditional rural setting to being workers in a global capitalist system.

- China over last 30 or 40 years. If you think about it, 30 years ago the vast majority of the population lived in rural places, basically a peasantry.
- Where did you get over the last really 20 to 25 years, this huge workforce that now exists in all your southern coastal cities in China?
- Once these workers were peasants with a connection to the land and its products. Now, they're part of an assembly line. (Capitalism, 2014)

Now, disappearing peasantry is in its final conclusion.

This process is not only the preordained movement of rural populations into the increasingly urbanized wage-labor force ('industrialization with unlimited supplies of labor'), but the displacement of customary forms of knowledge and moral economy.

Division of labor - Disabled everybody

"People, whose ancestors had lived on the land from time immemorial, have been **forced to emigrate, become paupers, or starve**." (Henry George)

"Under such circumstances, people lose an essential quality: the power of modifying and controlling their condition. They become slaves, machines, commodities. In some respects, they are lower than animals." – Henry George (Progress and Poverty)

- The people who were thrown off the land, lost their connection with the land. If you have access to land, you have a certain measure of independence. You are your own boss, and you're not really beholden to anybody. Whereas once you are alienated from the land, you're in a much more insecure situation. And you're less able to contest the forces of the economy. (Capitalism, 2014)

Now, neo-liberal capitalism, without visible enslavement, have set the most slavish conditions of employment.

> *We of the United States take credit for having abolished slavery. **We have not really abolished slavery**; we have retained it in its most insidious and widespread form—in a form which applies to whites as to blacks.*
>
> *"Laborers are now robbed of their production and forced to toil for mere subsistence. Of all kinds of slavery, this is probably the **most cruel** and relentless." (Henry George)*
>
> *Chattel slavery is, in fact, merely the rude and primitive mode of property in man. Ownership of land gives all the power in more convenient form. Southern planters do not regret the abolition of slavery. They get out of the freedmen as tenants as much as they got out of them as slaves.*
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> *How do they get it cheaper? Why, they were compelled to return the slave sufficient food, clothing and medical attendance to keep him well, and were compelled by conscience and public opinion, as well as by law, to keep him when he could no longer work. Now, expense of keeping them is thrown upon the slaves.*
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> *They no longer even have to drive their slaves to work. The competition with each other of so-called freemen, who are denied all right to the soil of what is called their country, brings him labor cheaper and more conveniently than would chattel slavery.*
>
> *Of the two systems of slavery, there can be no doubt that which makes property of persons is more humane than that which results from making private property of land, for the suffering of the poor under the more refined system no one in particular seems responsible. (George, Social problems)*

In present-day slavery, the workers struck against terrible working conditions, including 18-hour work days and 40 straight days without time

off, unpaid salaries, and unhealthy work environments. It is commonplace for workers to be racked with simultaneous injuries in their backs and arms.

Many people can't take this abuse anymore. From 2010, public attention has been drawn to the series of suicides at Foxconn — world's largest contract electronics manufacturer, where working conditions were described as a "labor camp." Management response was typical camouflaging the problem and shifting off responsibility – they've installed suicide-prevention netting, and made workers to sign a legally binding document guaranteeing that they and their descendants would not sue the company as a result of unexpected death, self-injury, or suicide.

Up to this day continues even the most obvious form of slavery - compulsory labor – which Canadian mining companies are presently taking advantage of. Such is the **conscribed labor in Eritrea**.

- Europe's migrant crisis exploded into the news. Many of the people on these leaky boats on the Mediterranean are refugees from Eritrea. The UN estimates about 400,000 Eretrians have fled the country in recent years, escaping the dictatorship that has ruled the country since 1993. This is a country that desperately needs some good publicity.

- This is CBC News.
- Human Rights Watch is accusing a Canadian mining company of using forced labor, at its gold mine in Eritrea. Paltry wages, inadequate food and housing, abuse, and even **torture of conscripted workers** are among the allegations.
- In 2008, Nevison resources began building a large gold and copper project in Eritrea. One of the government-owned contractors working on that project used conscripted labor.
- Nevison is quite frankly building their mind on the backs of **forced labor**.
- Human Rights Watch interviewed a number of people who say they were forced to work at the mine, **they were conscripted** into a form of national service, with low or no pay and poor living conditions.

Those who tried to leave the program, are often faced with arbitrary detention, mistreatment, and detention, including torture.

- When something wrong, something bad happens with a Canadian mining company operating in Africa, there's no accountability mechanism. There's no accountability mechanisms to the government, there's no accountability mechanism to the people of Canada, and the only accountability mechanism is whatever the shareholders might think of what the activity might be. (CBC World at six Forced labour alleged in Canadian-Eritrean mine project)

And in the midst of these allegations, public-funded government ambassadors are shamelessly celebrating, serving private interests! Watch:

- The Bishop mine has been producing hundreds of millions of dollars in profits for shareholders, and its partner, the Eritrean government. And both Eritrea and the Canadian company are proud to show off their success.
- This is a high-powered group that's Canada's new ambassador to Eritrea, Salib Bendoud, sitting on the right in the light shirt.
- That's the US Ambassador dressed up in the local fashion leading the cheer with Canada's ambassador, and there's the US ambassador again joining in a ceremonial dance.
- We asked the ambassador if he requested to see any of the jailed journalists, political opponents, or prisoners of war who have been in prison for over a decade in Eritrea. The Canadian diplomat said maybe next time.
- Well, listen, I think for the next visit certainly we will ask, we'll make requests to visit other things in the country, and I mean **it's up to the government to give us permits**.
- But the diplomats weren't going to investigate allegations of abuse. (Canadian Mines in Africa)

With the ambassadors as hookers, it’s a demonstration of **a “whole of government” approach** serving exclusively of reproducing the optimum **conditions for foreign investors**.

- Your taxes eventually find its way to Canadian mining companies.
- There's a number of different Latin American officials who've said privately to different academic researchers that basically what they

see, the **Canadian ambassador in their country is a representative of the mining companies**. That's most of what the Canadian embassies are doing in countries like Ecuador and Guatemala - advancing the interests of Canadian mining companies. (Global Mining and The Ugly Canadian)

8. Migrant workers / workforce

"Deprived of their natural rights to land, treated as intruders upon God's earth, men are compelled to an unnatural competition for the privilege of mere animal existence, that in manufacturing towns and city slums." (George, Social problems)

The neoliberal path have destroyed food and labor sovereignty, and "liberated" large masses of peasants into the **reserve army of the unemployed**.

Dispossessed peasantries of the South today comprise a major proportion of the world slum population currently estimated at **1 billion**.

The migrant labor performed, whether in fields, sweatshops, restaurants, care industry, transport, entertainment, sex tourism, building maintenance or burgeoning informal arenas of Northern economies.

Exile, vulnerability, dependence and slavery combine distinct cultures of survival and exploitation.

In rural China, where the migrant laborer population is around 120 million, the only way to survive as a family is to not live as one. Roughly 100 million kinfolk there depend on remittances of the global labor force. With the money to send home has become essential for jobless rural China, migrant workers are the mules driving the country's stunning economic growth.

Throughout Mexico, millions of campesinos have lost a significant source of income and left their small corn farms. In the lowlands region of southern Mexico, while women manage subsistence farms as well as perform domestic assembly work for nearby clothing maquiladoras, men migrate to the U.S. for short-term work, returning at agricultural harvest time.

- Some peasants became farm laborers on new agribusiness plantations, working in squalid conditions, and exposed to toxic pesticides, for poverty wages on large plantations growing produce for export to the U.S.
- Others moved to Mexico's cities where unemployment is high.
- Others moved to the U.S. Mexico border industrial zone where wages are low.

From Global News (2018-10-22 - Trump threatens to cut off foreign aid):

- The American president is threatening to cut off foreign aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.
- More than 7200 people from those countries are now weaving their way through Mexico towards the United States. President Trump has claimed there are criminals.
- They are pushing on, men, women, children, even mothers with babies in their arms… in the hopes of a better tomorrow.
- **Many of them are fleeing violence and poverty**.
- "We live a terrible situation in our country" she says, adding **her son was beaten by the military**.
- He's protecting the country, but he's not the owner of the United States or the world. He's not God.
- Trump's claiming quote: “Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in with the migrant caravan.” “You're gonna find Middle Eastern, you're gonna find everything.” **Neither Trump nor any other U.S. official provided any evidence to justify their claims**.
- That's prompted critics to suggest "**this is about fear mongering**."
    - "The caravan is coming from Central America..."
    - "This migrant caravan!.."
    - "That is freaking caravan!.."
- **Treating the thousands here as political pawns**.
- Abandoning your home and country is a huge decision. The thousands of people who are fleeing Honduras say they have nothing to lose. They're **fleeing violence and poverty**. More than 60% of Hondurans are poor. And about one in five people live in extreme poverty, earning less than the equivalent of $2.50 a day.

Migration to cities

Migrant workers are forced to move to more scattered work sites. **They now travel most of the year** – with little time to grow food on their own plots in their home communities.

- Prawns, or shrimp, once a luxury, now an everyday pleasure. Cheap for us to buy; the human cost of their production is unimaginable. The low price for the prawns per plate depends on **globalized slavery**. The **invisible migrant workforce** props up the multibillion dollar prawn industry.
- These men are chattel slaves. Trapped miles out in the sea, catching the fish to feed prawn farming industry.
- The boat captains pay the brokers around 450 pounds for each worker. But once on board, the men forced to work for nothing till they have paid off this debt.
- Sleeping in cramped, filthy conditions, many survive on nothing more than one plate of rice a day. The work is backbreaking and dangerous, with little contact with the outside world, pulling nets and sorting fish out 24 hours a day.
- No doubt, commercial interest have created much of these problems.
- People are being disadvantaged in this way. And **the more we find out, then the more uncomfortable we become**. (Supermarket Slave Trial - Prawns labors)

Migrant workers and 'volunteers'. Migrant dreams

One would think to avoid such abuses people should get to work in a civilized country, through the whole official process of hiring. There are such migrant worker programs in Canada and U.S. Yet, this path, too, barely makes any difference in the way these people are treated.

- We've created temporary labor migration programs that are designed to bring workers here from conditions that are extremely impoverished, and bring them here under terms that make them very exploitable labor. So the tied work permits, the restrictions on their workforce mobility, the fact that they don't get to negotiate their wages that are set at minimum wage, it produces a relationship where workers can be highly exploited. This is a global

issue. It has to do with structural inequalities between North and South. ~~So~~ Canada is absolutely profiting from its role in that global system.

- Last year Canada allowed in more temporary foreign workers than immigrants. It's a significant shift in immigration policy.
- Workers who are here as migrant workers have no pathway to citizenship, no pathway to status.
- You come here, with a visa and everything, thinking that you'll have the same rights as Canadians
- Is there anything more that can be done to educate people in their home countries, so that when they come here they're not in this awful trap of having to pay back like... how much in wages? - Well what they're being charged is up to twelve-fifteen thousand dollars, in Canadian dollars. - And they're not making more than that? - No, they're making minimum wage.
- Those workers are paying thousands of dollars, they're paying the application fees. They've been forced to pay their employers legal fees as well. So they come here with this massive debt, before they even start their first day of work. And with the tied work permits, they're essentially held in debt bondage for the entirety of their work term. (Paikin, The Lives of Migrant Workers, 2016)

- So, when you came to Canada, did you have to pay? - Yeah. - How much money did you have to pay? - Seven thousand. Seven thousand dollars. - To come to Canada? - Yeah. - Seven thousand dollars. - That's a lot of money! - Yeah. I know.
- At a minimum wage salary, they are paying back a debt, that they were not making several years in Indonesia. When they'll may ask what it is? they've been told it's a management fee. And if the woman don't pay, then they have been told that well, then you have to go. They would have to return to Indonesia to face this incredible debt that they've taken in order to come to Canada.
- It's government to government seasonal agricultural worker program. And it's the governments in those home countries that do the recruiting.
- There's a disproportionate power imbalance between the boss and

the worker. If the workers are tied to their employer with these tied work permits, they have no ability to say: no I'm not going to spray those pesticides without proper protection, no 30 of us are not going to live in one housing, in one little house, that's not acceptable. The ability, the freedom for workers to speak about their labor and human rights is muzzled by the design of the program. So that the program virtually invites abuse.

- You know what workers have told me? Employers tell them: 'we own you.'
- People are indentured. Which means people are tied to an employer. They pay into unemployment insurance but cannot receive access to it. They cannot have access to welfare or any form of social assistance. The provincial laws and federal laws are what constructs migrant workers vulnerability.
- Warren and Carlos are employed at a greenhouse in the Windsor-Essex area, and both of them have made complaints about being sprayed pesticides, being fogged, and they're very upset about the condition that they're facing on the farm. - We are not doing a respirator, while working. So why they? And we are at the same place. Everybody keep their mouths closed. They are afraid, they are scared. We've no choice. So they can do just about anything they want to do. Cause if they fire you, you have nowhere to go. (Migrant Dreams, 2016)

- The program structures migrant workers as vulnerable, and the program is designed to silence workers' advocacy and speaking up for themselves.
- It's not rotten apples, but a **whole system that is designed to encourage exploitation**.

- 65% of the workers on the farms that you surveyed were interns and volunteers.
- We're seeing a new form of non waged work...
- It is very difficult work, farming, I worked long hours... Sometimes offering room and board, offering them food is one way that they can contribute to the to the to remunerating their interns. If an

intern is replacing work that could be done by a paid employee, that is one of the things that invalidates an internship.

- Charles just sort of acknowledged that he struggled with the whole issue of whether or not he was being exploited. Let me get you on that. Do you do you feel there is some kind of irony in these organic farms which obviously put themselves forward as a kind of a gentler, kind of gentler means of agriculture, but in some respects very much dependent on... I'm not gonna call it "slave labor", but you know what I'm trying to say here, right? Free labor! (Paikin, The Trouble with Farm Internships, 2016)

- What we see is that the more of those zones of exceptionality are normalized, whether it's agriculture, whether it's caregiving, we see other industries saying: 'me, too'.
- This is not unique just to farms, I mean this is something that is endemic throughout the whole food system.
- So we've seen fish processing in the Maritimes saying we want that program too, we've seen hospitality out west say: we want it too, right? That we want to create programs just like this. And the more that we hive off these zones where the terms of work, the conditions of work are considered absolutely unacceptable and below standard, for Canadian workers, we're depressing the system for everyone else, and creating a two-tier labor market. And it's only very recently that this move to temporariness became the norm. That it is a very recent evolution within the last 15 years. (Paikin, The Lives of Migrant Workers, 2016)

- **Even as recently as ten years ago, for immigrant groups, things did not look anywhere near as bad as they do now.** But now there is a growing gap pulling them apart. Immigrant groups, regardless of how long they have been here, never caught up with their Canadian born counterparts. - What's changed? - A lot has changed in ten years. It has to do with the labor market shaping up, and the economy. Prosperity is up overall, but not everyone is gaining access to that prosperity. And with income inequality, we know that the more unequal society is, judged by income, the more unequal

> many things are in that unequal society, and the worst kind of social outcomes you have, and they compound on each other. - I want to know about the jobs, it's just the different jobs, that are taken? - The labor market is different. It's characterized by more insecure work. So people have these jobs, we call them precarious. They are insecure, they do not know how long they're going to last, they don't know if they'll get any benefits beyond their wage, they have no pension contributions… So there is a lot of insecurity. And they are jumping from job to job, and wages are affected by that as well. (From Canadian Global News of 05-13-2019, on more unequal society)

Poor need your help. Mental retardation of the poor. Help the oppressed – by spreading the light!

So much for the inescapable unfair physical conditions of the oppressed. But the long-term effects of the inequality are even worse.

Food insecurity does not necessarily mean rapid death from starvation. Repeated exposure to periods of inadequate nutrition undermines human health. Hunger compromises the body's ability to fight disease, creates health problems, and **stunts physical and mental development**. In turn, these problems reduce capacity to earn a living.

Persistent uncertainty about where and how to get enough food diverts energy and resources from longer-term investments that could improve their economic wellbeing. Food insecurity prevents them making investments that could achieve greater long-term returns.

> *The rich not only refuse food to the poor; they refuse wisdom; they refuse virtue; they refuse salvation. Meat! perhaps your right to that may be pleadable; but other rights have to be pleaded first. (Ruskin, Unto This Last)*

> *Worse of all is that the conditions in which they are imposed to want, suffering, and brutalizing toil, deprive them of hope, self-respect, energy, and **give no opportunity for the development of mental powers.** (George, Social problems)*

Their hunt for survival and long hours **take all the spirit out of them**.

9. Middle class, supervisors of the oppressed

Supervisors of the oppressed

White-collar workers of Global North

- Finance capital, which Marx called fictitious, is said to have **lifted around 200 million people up to the middle class** (for now), but left behind an estimated 800 million more, surviving on one dollar a day.

> ***Those whose labor is appropriated and those who appropriate it are widely separated through many intermediate gradations.*** *This makes relations between members of the two classes indirect and general. (George, Progress and Poverty)*

> *To keep the labor of the slaves in subjection, and **to supervise** them, those in power take overseers from the ranks of the slaves, draw out special skill and talent, arm them, and reward them by more of the produce of slave. (George, Social problems)*

To maintain such subjugation globally, the North countries' population is used as such **middle class between the oppressors and the oppressed**.

- Now as a working class worker the only way you can come to Canada is with temporary status; so our immigration system is preferentially in aligned with bringing professional and skilled trades people. (Paikin, The Lives of Migrant Workers, 2016)

The system works in a way that, while the very poor have no spirit and intelligence to resist the oppression, the wealthy ones have too much at stake.

You'll be lucky to meet very few who do not try to conceal the truth of what way and **at what cost their pleasures are purchased**.

The majority of the well-to-do are trained to think selfishly, like a very rich who was once quoted: "We have been peculiarly favored by Divine

Providence; iron never was so cheap before, and labor has been a drug in the market."

They defend their condition by making excuses like these:

> *"All you say is unfair," they say, "**no one forces the people to work** for the businessmen. That is an affair of **free contract**. Great properties and fortunes are necessary, because they organize work and provide work for the working classes. And labor in the factories and workshops is not at all the terrible thing you make it out to be. Even if there are some abuses in factories, the government and the public are taking steps to obviate them and to make the labor of the factory workers much easier, and even pleasant. **The working classes are accustomed to physical labor**, and are, so far, fit for nothing else. The poverty of the people is not the result of private property in land, or of capitalistic oppression, but of other causes. **It is the result of the ignorance, brutality, and intemperance of the people**. And we men in authority who are striving against this impoverishment of the people by wise legislation, we capitalists who are combating it by the extension of useful inventions, we clergymen by religious instruction, and we liberals by the formation of trades unions, and the diffusion of education, are in this way, without changing our own positions, increasing the prosperity of the people. **We do not want all to be as poor as the poor; we want all to be as rich as the rich**. As for the assertion that men are ill treated and murdered to force them to work for the profit of the rich, that is a sophism. **The army is only called out against the masses when** the people, in ignorance of their own interests, make disturbances and destroy the tranquility necessary for the public welfare. In the same way, too, it is necessary to keep in restraint the malefactors for whom the prisons, gallows, and forced labor camps are established. We ourselves wish to suppress these forms of punishment and are working in that direction."*
> *(Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You, 1893)*

How perverted their world must be, to think that the rich are the benefactors of the poor!

Yet, is it impossible to see **how the advantages we enjoy are obtained**?

> *The whole art of making yourself rich is necessarily the **art of keeping your neighbor poor**. In order that he may be able to have servants, some one in his neighborhood must be poor. (Ruskin, Unto This Last)*

> *Every day our **pleasures cost hundreds or thousands of days of labor** of those who are forced to work, by the threats of being killed. (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You, 1893)*

> *Can we pretend any longer that **we do not know that men do not like dying of hunger**, deprived of the right to gain their subsistence from the land on which they lived; that they do not like working in stifling heat, in the water, or underground, for 10 to 14 hours a day, or at night, to produce objects for our pleasure? (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You, 1893)*

Is it hard to perceive that simply by being a white-collar office worker, – a clerk, a lawyer, a government agent, or a soldier, - you **base your existence on the misfortunes of others** and participate in the acts of violence?

Is it acceptable that we, living in the 21st century with supposed sense of humanity, should really be like wild beasts mercilessly destroying other people's lives and labor?

Military

To what degree are those in military deceived, who have devoted their whole existence to debauchery, plunder, and murder? Without producing anything but consuming what is produced by the same people they oppress and murder, how can even be even enjoy themselves and proud of their acts?

- It's not all work. We do have a chance to let our hair down.

- Canada's camp castor feels like a small town on the edge of the Sahara.
- In a way it's kind of like adult camp. You know, like going away to a summer camp.
- But there is a gym, a couple of corner stores and a barber shop. There is even a local pub. the castor bar which offers everything from darts and everything and fooze-ball to ping-pong and karaoke.
- The mood among Canadians is remarkably upbeat. In part because their focus is life saving rescue.
- It's the humanitarian aspect.
- I come closer to the end of my career, and to have a chance to deploy with the U.N. is just something really special. (Canadian Global News: Inside the lives of Canadian peacekeepers, 2018-09-14)

Farmers are no longer those free-spirited peasants whom the rulers of this world are set to exterminate completely

Even most of the farmers in the developed countries are no longer self-sustained hard working peasants. With agricultural labor denigrated, they see no incentives to make their own butter or raise their own vegetables.

Those who still engage in agricultural production are more apt to describe themselves as managers rather than farmers, and rather side with agribusiness corporations than with the migrant working people they abuse.

These farmers, like the rest 98% parasites of the Western world, are merely working within the structure and, in fact, perpetuating it; as ”both victims of the system and its instruments”. While espousing faith in the market, they demand a Risk Management Program for when their prices dip below their cost of production; others would not stand for government influence in their industry, but ask for handouts.

Urbanization agenda

This happens because, in addition to enslaving developing countries, those in power make sure that people in developed counties – North America

and Europe – are sufficiently corrupt, to be entirely dependent and supportive of the system.

Otherwise what's the rationality for:

- moving the entire food production offshore,
- the insanity of **growing food even in places not meant for that** (like potato in sand dessert),
- while keeping local resources unutilized,
- and **even worsening agricultural** conditions, by spraying sky with heavy **chemicals** that terribly obstruct sunlight essential for food growing?

To prevent people from being self-sufficient, government continues making all possible to drive all out of land, into cities. Remember Costco founder, Sol Price, furthering specifically urbanization policies! (Costco to Servility: Costco is the Government obedience training institution, 2019)

They've made food producers' life miserable. They've put them in such conditions that those never receive the value of their labor, and artificially made both the conditions and the cost of labor in cities look more attractive. They even directly criminalized private food production – such as raw milk production and private growing of free-run chicken in Canada.

Proofs of furthering urbanization

The results of these efforts are in plain sight: the earth's population is becoming more and more urban than rural. This is the first period in human history in which the peasantry became a minority, even in the 3rd world countries.

At the time of the first census of the United States, in 1790, the cities contained but 3.3% of the whole population. Today agricultural sector constitutes only approximately 2% of the economically active population in the North.

On the world's scale, just recently, in 1950, in urban areas lived only 29%. By the early 21st century 63% of the world's got urbanized.

10. Urbanization conspiracy

City vs. country life / Middle class slavery

> *"Nothing more clearly shows the unhealthiness of present social tendencies than the steadily increasing concentration of population in great cities.*
> *The life of great cities is not the natural life of man. He must, under such conditions, deteriorate, physically, mentally, morally." (Henry George)*

What makes urbanization **lucrative** for the upper class is that it puts people into outmost dependency on the government. It's achieved in both ways:

1) via physical dependency on life resources,
2) via psychological dependency.

Physical dependency

> *"It is impossible to subjugate a man without having first **put him in a situation in which he is not able to get along on his own**. Such a situation does not exist in nature." (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)*

While country people typically have all the essential resources on their own, urban living ties people for the sake of accessing major resources, - like water, electricity, gas - to a local monopolist. Not only the government can easily provoke their disruption, but also you can't control the additives they put in, such as put in water, which may undermine your physical and mental health (fluoride, chloride, anything else).

In country, on the other hand, pole have their own well water, septic, plenty of opportunities to go off grid, and a number of heating options, from switching between different suppliers of propane, to various wood burning solutions.

Toxic from food industry

The difference in supply and quality of food, between self-grown and the products of global supply chain, should go without saying.

> **- Were surprised to find ethoxiquin in a flesh of farmed fish, in**

extremely high levels. We see that in our fish the measurements are 15 to 20 times more than the standard. They are a lot higher than the norm. We don't see that in wild fish.

The research shows that even organic products have just about the same amount of toxins in them.

- What makes the salmon flesh most toxic is not the pesticide poured to the farms, but rather the dried pellet feed which are fed to the fish. The pollutants come mainly from the food which is fed to the salmon.
- At first glance, ethoxiquin has no place in the food factory. **The product was registered in 1959 by Monsanto**, the giant U.S. chemical company, in a category of pesticides. It was used to treat rubber, but also fruits and vegetables. It's use is strictly regulated and limited. What is it doing in fish feed?
- Only one serious study has been published. It comes from a Norwegian researcher. She defended her thesis, However, since then she's lost her job there.
- I discovered that **ethoxiquin has the power to cross the blood brain barrier**. This barrier has a very important function. It exists as a physical means to protect the brain from toxic substances. No foreign substance to the body is supposed to be able to pass through it. It's really bad.
- Four years ago, research funding for ethoxiquin was cut by the Norwegian ministry of fisheries.
- All the management authorities have their own interest in fish farming. She owns 80% of the fish farms, and her director owns another 20%. This is what we call **corruption**.
- **Toxic fish; researchers are muzzled; a minister with a conflict of interest**... How these fishes sometimes are making into our plates, without us even knowing it? All it takes is for a manufacture to decide to discretely mislabel the product.
- **And you also have another kind of possible fraud, which will be passing of a farmed fish as a wild one**. (Farmed Norwegian Salmon World’s Most Toxic Food)

Having seen how much forgery the businessmen are capable of, can you trust them with the quality of your food, even with “organic” labels? Can you have any trust in those whose profit is the only motif? Do you have visibility, any control over suppliers? No, no, and no.

- …That is a potential a very serious problem. And the health care costs of the way we're eating is another.

In the strive for the control over food, the government prevents people from having resources to grow their own food.

As we told you in the first part of the video, the government has obstructed our sale of an acre-size lot.

Even in countryside, among vast spare lands, they only permit small, town-size lot cuts, certainly not enough for self-sustaining. You need at least an acre for a family. 90% of small-scale peasant farmers who feed the world use an average of 2.2 hectares.

Another trick - the government is blocking entirely huge amounts of land – they deny people right to use them!

- What they call a protected countryside which is the agricultural land and some natural lands on the fringe of the GTA expansion area and add that then collectively that became the green belt
- Really it comes down to. That was **for those people who are trying to increase density** and keep the urban areas away from the rural areas.
- How much **agricultural land has been lost!** (Paikin, Gord Miller - Gauging the Greenbelt, 2015)

That's how the government attempts to control all the food.

- **Food is a fundamental right**.
- **Food is the most basic thing**. If you have a crisis, you've got to feed people. On an everyday basis, we have to eat. So, we identify food security as a health issue, an environmental issue, an economic issue, a social issue. It's an issue for all of us. It connects with everything. To me, it's the most important job I could be possibly doing. (Paikin, Rethinking Canada's Food System, 2019)

With the ultimate goal of taking all the freedoms, leaving people no choices, the government, having finished their job on peasantry, and gained monopoly over food production, will then squeeze everyone on earth with the prices for food.

- If you say we've had cheap food for too long, are we talking about a **future where we all have to pay more for food**? Population today 6.8 billion, the estimate from a couple of years ago. Now looking at population north of 9 billion in the year 2050.
- **The world will becoming increasingly urbanized**. Half of us live in cities now, moving to 70% by the year 2050. To meet the growing population, the UN estimates the overall agricultural production increase needed will be 70%.
- What it suggests to me clearly is that we **will be facing a positive trend of prices**. Which means that we need to be prepared for that. (Paikin, Feeding the World 2050, 2011)

- **We actually have very cheap food** in our society **we pay less as a percentage of our income for our food then many-many countries do** so (Agenda. Kathryn Scharf. Food for All Canadians, 2015)
- The future looks like one where **food is going to be more expensive** so that's presumably I mean the future is worse for people in terms of food insecurity
- The cost of food is projected to rise. (from Canadian Global News, what's on menu 2020)

*The happiest person is that who for his existence requires little from the outside or nothing at all. The delivery from outside comes with high cost, **generates dependence**, entails risk, causes dissatisfaction, and ultimately serves as a poor substitute to the produce of your own soil. (Schopenhauer)*

Townsmen generally regard agriculture as one of the lowest occupations to which man can devote himself. Yet it's on it the possibility of existence of those engaged in agriculture the rest of the human race depends. Which makes the rest

occupations – ministers, professors, artists, scientists, physicians, generals, and soldiers – mere the parasites of the agrarians.
*Thus agriculture, besides being the most moral, healthy, joyful, and necessary occupation, alone gives men **true independence**. (Tolstoy, On the Importance of the Upcoming Moral Revolution)*

"The worst thing that can happen to the one is to find himself at the mercy of the other." (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)

And the government likes to remind you of your dependency, by scaring with empty store shelves during natural disasters.

Psychological dependency

The second set of reasons that makes it profitable for the governments to keep people in cities are of physical, and especially psychological, health nature – those that break the spirit and weaken will power.

*"Not only did they continue to **weaken their bodies and minds**, but the conveniences they had invented soon became habitual, deteriorating into commodities men could no longer do without." (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)*

*We are constantly being told that there was nothing as miserable as **man in a state of nature**. If someone could explain to me, what kind of misery there can be for a free being **whose heart is at peace and whose body is healthy**. I ask which of the two, the natural life or the civilized life, is more prone to becoming unbearable to those who live it. (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)*

Temptations corrupting souls

Compared to simple country living, people in cities are predisposed to more **temptations** that corrupt their souls.

But in country people are content with themselves, and have no need in superfluities.

The simplicity of life, language, and habits empowers people, but luxurious lifestyle, pretentious language and effeminate habits lead to weakness and death. (John Ruskin)

Health degradation

In predominantly indoor living, people are weakening their **health, both physical and mental**. They try to compensate that by physical exercises and nature retreats. Both remedies are artificial and short-lived.

On a recent discussion on Quora on "What are the most inexpensive ways to live comfortably?", all outstanding problems on the list – food, exercise, transportation, shopping, therapy – are at once answered by living off nature. Doesn't it show which our natural state of being is? The benefits of country living include:

1. Healthy food,
2. Good body workout on fresh air,
3. Mental health, after freeing the mind,
4. True freedom and independence,
5. Moral aspect: withdrawing from the exploitation of other people by the food industry,
6. Spiritual health through the simplicity of life, abstinence, tolerance.

Labor is God's education. No separation from labor can be without some loss of power and of truth to the seer himself; no doubt that the faults and vices of our society, their too great fineness, effeminacy, and melancholy, are attributable to the enervated and sickly habits of the literary class. (Emerson)

Mental exhaustion

City **noise**, and busyness of city life, leaves people nearly no opportunity to align with their senses. Their brainpowers get wasted on unimportant matters, - that condition they even aggravate with that glass of wine after work.

*Manual work, especially agricultural, is **healthy not only for the body but for the soul**. People who don't work with their own hands find it tough to understand concepts clearly. Such **people are incessantly thinking**, talking, listening, or reading. Their mind knows no rest; and it gets aggravated and confused.*
*Agricultural work is great for a man because, in addition to the **rest** it provides to his mind, it helps him **understand the position of human** in life – simply, clearly, rationally. (Tolstoy, Reading circle)*

Pressures from outside

Urban dwellers are from all sides pressured either by city **regulations** or by neighborhood customs (to cut grass, clean sidewalks, install Christmas decorations, etc.)

Our arts, our occupations, our marriages, our religion, we have not chosen, but society has chosen for us. (Emerson, on Self Reliance)

In country, people are free to design their own lives.

Artificial retreats

Artificial city life drives people out of towns, which presents another hustle: they have to waste more of their deficit time, and draw more resources: to pay for travelling, entrances. As a result, they often exhaust themselves more than rest in their vacations.

But country people are in nature already; they don't even feel a need to look for **artificial retreats**.

The soul is no traveler; the wise man stays at home. (Emerson, On self Reliance)

Security & protection fears

In abnormal, artificial conditions, city dwellers more rely on police for their protection, barricade with superfluous security measures, which just add up to their worries. There's something pathetically sickly in this constant

fear and reliance on something outwardly. (Look at fear-instilling ads for a security systems.)

> *The reliance on property, including the reliance on governments which protect it, is the want of self-reliance. (Emerson, on Self Reliance)*

Country people have a different mindset. Exposed to natural and remote conditions, they know that government or anybody else can barely defend them from real dangers. They have more courage and self-reliance.

- There are differences between urban and rural voters. One of the big ones is that rural people have lower expectations of services from their government. Other than that, we want government out of our face. Ambulance, police, - we know it's going to take longer for them to get to our place and we're okay with that. (from Canadian Global News of 04-11-2019)

> *Heroism is the triumph of the soul over the flesh—that is over fear: fear of poverty, of suffering, of calumny, of sickness, of isolation, and of death. (Amiel, Journal)*

Disconnection from nature

> *Classes of people who do not produce their bread by the works of their own hands cannot physically have truly religious realization or pure morality. (John Ruskin)*

Everyone knows that to build a good-looking body is only possible through a very hard work. The same is required for the growing of spirit - it requires us to be tough on ourselves.

> *Easy, pleasant work does not make robust minds, does not give men a consciousness of their powers, does not train them to endurance, to perseverance, to steady force of will. (Channing, On the elevation of the laboring classes)*

It is especially profitable for the rules of the world that people who spend their lives in offices and other buildings, bombarded with propaganda of human inventions, don’t get to see, let alone **participate in, the intricate**

interconnections in nature; the whole intelligence of the Creation passes by, shut from your eyes!

> *"To speak truly, few adult persons can see nature. Most persons do not see the sun." (Emerson, Nature)*

This ignorance about their spiritual nature makes people the greatest carnal slaves.

> *Give the slave the least elevation of religious sentiment, and he is no slave. (Emerson, Lecture On The Times)*

11. Disorders of the wealthy / Middle class weaknesses & diseases / Corrupt city life / City dwellers problems

Examples of ongoing corruption of middle class

- "Most science fiction of the day predicted the future that was more civilized, and more intelligent. But as time went on, they seemed to be heading in the opposite direction, a dumbing down.
- Evolution does not necessarily rewards intelligence.
- Is that Brando stuff? They're watering crops with sport drinks? Brando - this first mutilator have come to replace water virtually everywhere. (Idiocracy, 2006)

- The Brando appears to be helping the crops grow, and it's alleviating much of the drought and food shortages in Africa. Do you think they should be sending more Brando over there, to help people get out of the drought? - Ah, most definitely, depending on the way they're using it, cause they don't have government set up like here, where the government actually helps other people. There people mostly fending for themselves.
- Do you support the calls to have president Kamacho step down, so that we can have some Brando put on the crops, to help the crops grow? - Yeah, I do, yeah." (Video by Mark Dice)

> *"Animals lose half the advantages when they become domesticated. The same is true of man: in becoming*

*socialized and a slave, he ends up **weak, timid, and mean-spirited**; his soft, effeminate way of life finally draining both his strength and his courage." (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)*

Nanaimo bar

As far as things go smooth with all that city artificiality, huge physical and psychological distance from the labor that provide for city's sustenance has made us as obtuse as the innocent French princess was in the tale, who asked: "Why do the people cry for bread? If they have no bread, why don't they eat cake?" - The pretty princess never in her whole life had known that cake was not to be had for the asking.

- Canada post released a set of stamps, that hardly anybody noticed until oh, my, is that supposed to be a Nanaimo bar?
- The first time I saw it, I thought it looked a bit odd.
- Odd being the very polite Joyce Hardcastle's way of saying completely wrong. As the foremost expert on Nanaimo bar in Canada today, whose recipe is considered the standard, she'd know. Pointing out the bottom two layers are supposed to be the same thickness, which is not what we see on the stamp. The outrage was outrageous.
- BC's minister of public safety was definitive, it was not an Nanaimo bar.
- Laugh all you want, but consider the constitutional fiasco if the image was poutine made without cheese curds. You'll encounter a poutine without curds on it. And it always makes me a little angry when I see that, because it's not poutine.
- They probably should issue a sorry stamp fairly soon, for this one.

(Canadian Global News: Nanaimo Bar Problem , 2019-04-28)

This definition of 'wrongs' here is certainly very different from starving and overworked Africans. So as the values they praise.

Obesity

You won't hear the media praising hard work or abstinence, - no, they're praising: idleness, lusts, and gluttony, - and constantly twisting the perceptions of what's right and wrong.

- A fat activist is trying to change perceptions of what's perfect.
- The sterling prize in support of controversy.
- It's an honor to be called a fat activist because there are people who have been doing this work for decades and haven't received the kind of recognition. (from Canadian Global News of 10-19-2018)

While African's peasant produce to feed everybody, these ones are no longer able to serve themselves.

- My family does everything for me in everyday life, everything. My mom gets my food ready, she washes my clothes, and at times she helps me wipe my butt. Mom! Can I get some breakfast?
- I hate everything about showering. It's hard to get the water in all places where you need it that you don't get stink.
- Food is something I can't escape. I know I'm fatter and fatter from it, but it makes me feel better for a little while… (Kirsten Feels Like a Prisoner in Her Fat _ My 600 LB Life)

And that's what quasi-science and quasi-medicine jump in to serve - the increasing artificial problems of wealthy nations!

- The Canadian obesity network is **calling on the government to recognize obesity as a chronic disease.**
- 31 years old Daniel Simmons weights a life threatening. He is one of thousands of people each year who have gastric bypass surgery, in a desperate effort to help them lose weight.
- This is a heavy stuff! Doctor has amputated part of the Daniel's stomach. After 5 hours, the operation is complete. (At Over 660-lbs, Ashley Learns the Risks of Bariatric Surgery _ My 600-lb Life.mp4) (Fat Doctor Series 2 - Ep2 - Daniel Simmons - in UK - lots of obese people)

- **We will never give up on something that is so important** in terms of the outcomes for Canadians.
- **We have patients coming to us who are 400 pounds, 500 pounds, 600 pounds**
- And those **desperate for weight loss surgery can wait up to five years!** (Canadian Global News on the importance of bariatric surgeries)

Emergency water delivery to the streets of the city of Toronto

Another fear of carnal Canadians is the danger of overheating their idle bodies.

- On the dangerous side, just picture yourself of **not having access to air conditioning** were swimming pool or in some cases, if you're really lucky, a cottage, and that is what it was all about today.
- So that's what it was about today - they went right onto the streets, delivered these things to the homeless people of Toronto.
- The **water line will keep people from dying from dehydration**, and a city like Toronto, they should not have to be.
- And yes, it is hard to believe that the heat is coming so quickly when **it's only 21 degrees** right now. And there are a few rain showers around the city. (Canadian Global News)

While Africans are actually working hard, in twice as high heat, these hypocrites (using not their own money) are playing to save lives from heat and dehydration, at 21 degrees chill with rains!

Diseases

Physical diseases

Whether all Canadians are as feeble as the government media portrays, to further lower their morality, the wrongs of their artificial lifestyle are reflected in their diseases.

- Diabetes is one of the world's fastest growing chronic diseases. Over 463 million adults around the world have it. That's one in 11 adults. And more Canadians are getting diagnosed at a younger age. From 2010 to 2017, the number of Canadians living with diabetes increased by 28.7%. And the odds are getting worse. A 20-year-old Canadian now stands a 50% chance of developing diabetes. (from Canadian Global News, 11-14-2019)
- Cancer has now outpaced heart disease as the leading killer of people who live in wealthy countries. Cancer now kills twice as many middle-aged adults as heart disease in high-income countries. Researchers say many cases are linked to lifestyle choices. On the rise for the third year in the row, 41% of Canadians are now at high risk. (from Canadian Global News, 09-03-2019)

Mental diseases

Worse than physical debilities is their spiritual degradation - the outcome of their exclusive focusing on material life and bodily comforts, and inability to refuse themselves in their wants.

- A 55% rise in the number of hospitalizations of children because of mental health concerns. We see that far too many kids' lives are in jeopardy, due to threats to their physical and mental well-being.
- What's also deeply disturbing is suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people in our country.
- Depression & anxiety. According to StatsCan, about 4,000 Canadians commit suicide every year, that works out to an average of almost 11 people across this nation, taking their own lives every day.
- Each year, one in five Canadians experience a mental health issue. Think about it - that's more than 6.7 million people. 28% are between the ages of 20 and 29. And by age 40, that number jumps to one in two. (from Canadian Global News)

This happens in Canada, the best country in the world, as many call it, where people can have every thing they want, unlike in Africa!

- We are doing well. **We are doing so well that all of the world wants to come to Canada**. So if extractive industry made that happen in Canada, because that's mainly because of us we are that today, why would Canadians doing job who work in Canada or in Africa would want anything else than that? (CCAfricaNews - The Reality of Canadian mining in Africa)

Then how come 11 people kill themselves every day in this country?

"Has anyone ever heard of a savage, living in liberty, ever thinking of complaining about his life and putting an end to it?" (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)

12. Our illnesses are of our own doing

1. Infraction of moral laws

"Can labor be robbed of its earnings, while greed rolls in wealth? Is it right that many should want, while a few are glutted? ***Can the gifts of the Creator be misappropriated with impunity?****" (George)*

"Things refuse to be mismanaged long. The disease and deformity around us ***certify the infraction of natural, intellectual and moral laws****, and often violation on violation to breed such compound misery." (Emerson, Heroism)*

"We unleash in ourselves more illnesses than those for which medicine can provide remedies! Most of ***our illnesses are of our own doing****, and we could have avoided almost all of them had we conserved a way of life that is simple, constant, and retiring, as nature has prescribed." (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)*

2. Anxieties of rat race

"The more well-off men are, the more technical means of communication there are, the more means there will be of ***diffusing inconsistent lies and hypocrisies****, and the more disunited and consequently* ***miserable will men become****, which indeed is what we see actually taking place." (Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God is Within You, 1893)*

"The ***powers we have called into our service must ultimately destroy us****… We are not lessening the fierceness of the* ***struggle for existence****. Though we work with an intensity and application that with the great majority of us leaves time and power for little else, we have increased, not decreased, the* ***anxieties of life****.* ***Insanity is increasing, suicide is increasing****. These are symptoms of disease for which no gains can compensate." (George, Social problems)*

When we strain every nerve in the scramble for wealth, it saps all the energy.

3. Lack of religion of spirit

"Mental energy is (further) wasted in conflict to the extent moral law is ignored." (Henry George)

When morals are corrupted, people can no longer clearly discern right from wrong, and they find themselves lost at every life decision.

4. Corruption of material abundance

*"People's prosperity, with its **vulgar aims**, has grown out of the very **renunciation of moral principles**." (Emerson, English Traits)*

"The more a person pampers himself, the more does he safeguard his life, the weaker he becomes, and the more tied he is." (Tolstoy)

People in countries like Canada, precisely because their life here is too good materially, got bankrupt spiritually.

They live in a terrible conflict between amassed luxury of material life and desolated impoverished spiritual, moral, life. Thus, they've moved the furthest from the purpose of human life. Their mental illnesses are the symptoms of their **terrifying corruption**.

They're so over-satiated by the excess of food and vain entertainments that they find no joy in anything anymore.

They hate their jobs, which they know are useless and bring them no satisfaction.

They can't sleep at nights, because they don't get to tire their bodies by physical work in nature.

*It's said in the Deuteronomy to the Israelites that when they **receive all the material wealth**, especially then they **should be afraid to forget God** and should work for Him alone. (Tolstoy, Four Gospels Unified and Translated)*

*In every civilized country, crime, insanity, and suicide are increasing, because the **fundamental ideas of an intelligent creator and an afterlife (crucial for our life to have***

meaning) are quickly weakening *in the general mind. – Henry George (Progress and Poverty)*

5. Discipline & subjugation at every turn

The weakening, even annihilation, of religious consciousness has subjected people to the human government, which laws have replaced God's law for them. (Tolstoy, On the Importance of the Upcoming Moral Revolution, 1906)

Human law acts as a screen of man's unworthiness, and makes him worse the longer it protects him. (Emerson, The Conservative)

The price that "civilized" people are paying is their subjection to and **intimidation by so many laws, each accompanied with a physical threat** for not following them, that they can't breathe freely anymore. Wherever they go, they have to watch out for what else they have to obey.

Subjection in minor affairs breaks out every day*. It crosses them at every turn, till they are led to surrender the exercise of their will. Thus* ***their spirit is gradually broken and their character enervated****. (De Tocqueville, "Democracy in America")*

With obedience being the ideal of Canadian police state, it is constantly reinforced, starting from the government media. Like they put these words into a witness's mouth:

- "The moment I stepped into the country, I fell in love with the people, **the discipline**..." (from Canadian Global News)

People are disciplined at every step. They're afraid to park their cars in the wrong place. Numerous places are, as if specifically, **set up for them to fail** and to be punished; parking tickets, unforgiving of a minor mistake, are immediately given out as a sign of intimidation, containing long list of threats that will certain to make a person desperate or angry at such offensive treatment.

People can’t shop with dignity – stores like Costco make them bow before authorities, as a part of government obedience training program.

Everyone is strictly instructed against talking with others about politics, or religion, or anything personal – basically against having any meaningful conversation with another human being.

They are afraid to express their opinion, or they’ll be taken by the police – from stores, or from public meeting places.

- A gold mine in Nova Scotia. They are here for gold gold. It's all melted down into million-dollar bars like these ones and sold to the Canadian mint. But not everyone in this area is happy with the mine. John Perkins went to a public session last week to ask about plan expansion of the mine operations. The room was asked to hold their questions until the end of the presentation.
- And the audience basically said: No. We want to ask and have answered our questions as they come up. And we're going to do that.
- The RCMP said they've received a call about a disturbance at the meeting.
- And they came and was pointed to me, by a person that turned out to be a security guard, and the rest is on the video...
  (Canadian workers move East for gold-mine jobs)

6. Evident fears

At least subconsciously, people do register the breaking of their spirit at every turn, and can’t be not upset about their own powerlessness, and feel desperation.

Feeling like hunted beasts, they burst at each other in their families.

Their growing unhappiness is evident by the number of divorces.

It’s also evident by how much they drink – wine and beer stores are as numerous and as crowded as if they were selling life essentials.

Legalizing of marijuana by itself demonstrates an urgent palliative solution which the government of Canada had recourse to the growing mental problems in society.

People can no longer rest even in nature. Their tension shows every time they see someone from afar: they change their routine, frantically leash their dogs, pick them up, or change the direction they were going. When they can't escape passing by another person, the least they want is to communicate. Worse of all is that they lie to themselves and to others; they cover inner real hostility with hypocritical greetings "hi how are you", while as soon as you try to talk to their souls, they say what they really mean - just "go away". We meet such nervous wrecks every time we walk our dog in the trail.

> *People are afraid of truth, afraid to life, afraid of death, afraid of each other. (Emerson, On self Reliance)*

7. Stifling of the spirit

What these people are afraid most of all is to open up, to let their soul speak.

> *People **hate to be reminded of the spirit** dwelling within them, since its presence warns them that, while they themselves are subject to death, it is immortal. Therefore, as far as they can, they stifle and kill all consciousness of the indwelling spirit, acting like the man who wrapped up his talent in his handkerchief and buried it under ground, or like men in the parable of the wicked husbandmen who killed the master's messengers. (Tolstoy, Four Gospels Unified and Translated)*

8. Wrongness of entire life

People suffer mentally because their entire life goes wrong - with their artificial lifestyle, and the hypocrisy they use to hide their real feelings.

> *While majority of people on earth are depressed by work for others, others have arranged their lives in a way that they do not work anything useful or hard. **Both are not well**. The first are not well because they wear their bodies out with overwork; the idle are not well because they destroy their souls by their immense conflict with their conscience. Yet, the*

position of the working is still better than of not working. ***The soul is more precious than the body****. (Tolstoy)*

And now, the wicked world “authorities” are trying to corrupt the innocent, sincere people in Africans by tearing them from their connection to nature, dragging them into the rat race, and making out of them the same cold-hearted hypocrites as westerners are.

13. Solutions to injustice

Face the problem

It is deeply troubling that, in spite of all our great advances we have yet with us the poor, those who, without fault of their own, cannot get healthful and wholesome conditions of life; it is OUR fault and our shame. (George, Social problems)

It is deeply troubling that, while the world has seen a continuing increase in food production levels, food dependency in many developing countries has grown.

As we have seen, hunger is not reduced with economic growth. The prevalence of stunted children in Mali has increased even as the Malian economy has grown.

It’s especially troubling that they won’t leave those people alone, to live and develop spiritually.

Truth is our weapon

The media hushes up the true reasons for the calamities that people in the oppressed countries experience.

In their Orwellian language, they call resistance "criminals", "terrorists", or "drug dealers". They call poisoning of the nature “green revolution”. They call the robbery of public money to advance private greed agenda – “foreign aids”. They call militant murderers "peacekeepers", and the government of Canadian state, invading and exploiting over 100 other countries, a “peacemaker”.

Why would they care about making up these lies? - They have to use innate human moral sentiment to advance their agenda. These lies is on what everything else rests.

Without the mask of benevolence, how would they get the supporters to execute all that evil?

Watch how zealously they recruit the people to enforce the laws of the wicked!

- I ran across recruiter. And there's something I noticed about him. This is kind of another thing… I noticed it was odd; it was more like hiring me for a job than recruiting me for the army. It was the way he approached me, approached a friend of mine. Each of them has a business card, made for the army and everything.
- There's like… army or navy, marine recruiters they are there almost every week! In the lunch room recruiting students at the lunch.
- Gents, you know we're looking at you, right? Guys, you know everything about joining up? Maybe we can get you a career in music, you don't let the Marines go for it. I'm sure you know who Shaggy is, right? - Yeah. You know anything about him? - Yeah. - How about a former Marine? Did you know it? You know anything about him? - Come into the office, we can sit down and talk. We'll show you everything we know about the Marines. Sound like a plan? You want me to come pick you up?
- Better to get him when there are ones or two. - Ladies, you ready to join up? - We got two over here - right over by the red van. - Yeah. - You go that way, I go this way, we'll corner them.
- All right, here's my card. - What I want to do men, real quick, is uh just get some information from you so I can scratch you off my list saying I've already talked to you, you know, that you're not interested. Is that cool? All right, what's your name? What's your phone number? What's your address? (Fahrenheit 9/11, 2004)

If people get to know the truth, which the disillusioned general Butler revealed, - that the military in reality serves as the racketeering for dictators – or what Tolstoy wrote:

People think the government keeps the police and the army for citizen's protection, but they forget that the government needs these forces for their own defense - against the oppressed and enslaved citizens. (Tolstoy, Superstition of the State)

Once people clearly understand the truth, how many the wicked would be able to recruit for their missions in South? They wouldn't be given excuses like this:

- As my daughter said to me, I miss you dad, but I know you are helping people. So it's okay you are away. (Canadian Global News: Inside the lives of Canadian peacekeepers, 2018-09-14)

The same goes with other forms of support for the government – taking government jobs, paying taxes – they all are based on a confidence in a benevolence of the government. Humans are smart animals; once they get disillusioned in the causes they're drawn to support, they'll find ways to drop them.

Another important truth is that the rich aren't rich by the yesterday's wealth.

A wealthy idler who does no productive work, does he live on wealth accumulated in the past? On his table are fresh eggs, butter, and milk; meat from the butcher; vegetables from the garden. In short, hardly anything has not recently left the hand of productive labor. His sustenance is clearly taken from productive labor going on around him. If productive labor were to stop completely, within a few months hardly anyone would be left alive. It is the daily labor of the community that supplies its daily bread.
Wealth is constantly re-created. Wealth from generations past can no more account for present consumption than last year's dinners can give strength today.
(Henry George)

So the taxes you pay, the work you give away, are the sources of the wealth in which the rich roll. Close this pipeline, and they'll have to work for their

own sustenance.

And they know this possibility is not far reached. That's where their fear of poverty is coming from.

Rockefeller's fear of poverty

John D., the multi-billionaire gangster who dominated commerce, industry and finance, unabashedly stood up before his colleagues in the Standard Oil Club, at 26 Broadway, New York City, and told them that he would awake in a cold sweat at night, fearful that he had lost his billions of loot, his empires and his fortune, and was reduced to poverty. Fear of poverty became the absurd motive force of the Rockefeller Dynasty, instead of the lusty joy in their crimes. This absurd, but very real, fear of poverty John D. succeeded in inculcating in his predatory clan has had some strange consequences.

- His daughter, Bessie Strong, Nelson Rockefeller's aunt (their press agent biographer, Manchester, reports) ended her life "with the pitiful fear that she would die penniless."
- Winifred, Nelson Rockefeller's cousin, murdered her two children and committed suicide because of fear of poverty. (The author of book The Truth About Rockefeller, E. M. Josephson, had at hand a letter of the director of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital confirming her psychopathic condition, about a decade before she did that.) (read also here)
- Another cousin, Gladys, when hospitalized for her mental condition, saved after each meal every crust of bread and scrap of meat, for fear that she could not afford another meal. She secreted the scraps of food under her pillow, refusing to trust them to the nurses.
- Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, in an interview given the Journal American on November 19, 1961, stated that her husband is, despite the income of a million dollars a minute, more penny-pinching and penurious than his grandfather. She related that he, too, is affected by the familial psychopathy. (The Truth About Rockefeller, 1964)

So, the security of the rich is based on keeping people deceived, to make them controlled. And that's what those rich and powerful are afraid - the

Truth! That's why they send their trolls everywhere to attack the insights like these. And that is why the **truth is our weapon**.

If only people knew that their power is not in force but in truth, and wouldn't deviate from it in either words or deeds! (Tolstoy, Patriotism and Christianity)

Ask: Who executes the injustice?

That's why, if we want to help justice, the best start must be recognizing the nature of the problem.

To unwind what the injustice is based on, ask yourself "Where is it coming from?" questions:

- "Where is military power coming from?" - Your people are serving. – So, you shouldn't serve them and should dissuade anyone you can.
- "Where is their money power coming from?" – From your taxes. - Is that not a reason to stop financing them?
- "How do they manage to bribe the officials?" - Is it not from your own consent, silence, and fear? - So, speak out everywhere you can.
- "How does the media manage to deceive us?" – By you letting them to deceive you, by not opening your eyes at the obvious. - Wake up. Use your reason. Do you research.

Don't support the system

So, don't support the system in any way!

I will neither eat nor drink nor wear nor touch any food or fabric, which I do not know to be innocent, or deal with any person whose whole manner of life is not clear and rational. (Emerson)

In all buying, consider, first, what condition of existence you cause in the producers of what you buy; secondly, whether the sum you have paid is just to the producer, and in due proportion lodged in his hands. (Ruskin)

Don’t fall in the trap of thinking that, by buying food from tropical countries, you’re helping the poor Africans.

> *Workers cannot reap these benefits because they are intercepted.*
> *When land is monopolized, progress might go on to infinity without increasing wages or improving the condition of those who have only their labor.*
> *(Henry George)*

And if you are, like many people now, refused to consume meats out of compassion to animals, shouldn’t you first and foremost feel sympathy for the brothers in spirit who are unfairly suffering? Especially that veganism is a government-promoted agenda, to make people weak and unable to think. You don’t hear them calling to end the existing human slavery we’ve talked about in this video; they rather push forward with more and more abuse. And their widely advocated fresh “plant-based diet” only fuels the demand for the slave labor in southern countries.

> *We must see and feel the broad distance between the spiritual life within us and the vegetable or animal life, which acts around us. I cannot love the flower, however beautiful, with a disinterested affection, which will make me* ***sacrifice to it my own prosperity****; you will in vain exhort me to attach myself, with my whole strength of affection, to the inferior animals, however useful or attractive. And why not? They lack the capacity of truth, virtue, and progress.*
> *A human being deserves a different affection from what we bestow on inferior creatures, for he has a rational and moral nature. And the only way to love him aright is to catch some glimpse of this immortal power within him. Until this is done, all charity is little more than instinct.*
> *(Channing)*

Become self-reliant

That was about what not to do.

In regards to what’s best to do for living,

***Withdraw from cities and cultivate the soil**. (Emerson, The Young American)*

Peasant's life has the best external life conditions:

- all the sages of the world have always placed the **ideal of human happiness** in the conditions of agricultural work,
- all the workers whose habits are **uncorrupted** have always preferred, and still prefer, agricultural labor to any other,
- factory work is always unhealthy and monotonous while agricultural work **is the most healthy and varied**,
- agricultural work **is free** - that is, the peasant alternates work and rest at his own will,
- agricultural work is essential, without which no factory could exist.

*It is **not true that we could not all become farmers**. That is the one thing that we might all become. If all men were merchants, or tailors, or mechanics, all men would soon starve. But there have been, and still exist, societies in which all get their living directly from nature. (George, Social problems)*

"Farmer who is not wanted by others can yet grow his own bread, whilst the manufacturer or the trader cannot, this seemed a happy tendency." (Emerson, The Young American)

- I like local food: it's fresh, it's sustainable, and it helps local economy. And I still prefer it.
- My vegetables and meat only travel a few yard from my yard to my shop. I've always believed in local, seasonal food produced for local market. It's the reason I've stared farming in the first place. Local food is fresh, and it employs local people. And it uses very little energy going from field to plate. So, why worry that much of the food that we eat today comes from all over the world? (BBC From Crop to Shop Jimmys Supermarket Secrets)

Value self-reliance over reliance on government

Most importantly is that when you're self-reliant, you're in better position to withdraw your support of enslaving others, and avoid descending of

your morals to “I want my veggies hand-picked by Mexicans’.

The **temptation is huge to defend the conditions of comfort**. We climb the business ladder to be among the privileged, and for us to question the principles to which we are obliged for our advantageous position, we must have the great sincerity and the great love for truth and good. But an earnest person must **free himself from superstitions** in which he was raised, however materially profitable they are.

> *In the classical ages, people maintained the **superiority of tub-life to town-life**, and looked on these eccentric absurd people with as much respect as we do upon large capitalists and landed proprietors.*
> *In those days, no one could be described as purse proud, but only as empty-purse proud. (Ruskin, Unto This Last)*

A practical way of coming to the same conclusion – is to start living godly, and **you’ll inevitably find yourself in the position of a laborer**. We’ve proved that truth by our personal experience.

> *Of all the professional areas where competition is great, a person who adheres to the teaching of Christ, not just in words, **will always be squeezed out**, and will unwittingly **find himself among laboring class**. So, the laboring condition of a true Christian is a consequence of him applying the core principle of Christianity.*
> *(Tolstoy, Biography by Birukov)*

We’ve also proved that living off land is the most moral way of sustaining your life, without making anyone work for your sustenance. We’ve proved that it’s completely doable to live self-sustainably, totally independent of this corrupt world. We’ve proved that the global supplies of products, based on enslaving other people, are not needed for our sustenance. We’ve proved that it’s not even hard to work for mere 2-3 hours a day in a growing season to provide yourself for the whole year, but it’s also enjoyable and peaceful way to live, living us sufficient time and energy to pass the teaching of life for you in these videos. Much better than serving sentences in dead offices.

We consider our experiment with growing food for ourselves, and withdrawing our support for abusive food industry, to be successful. And we would continue living this way, if it wasn't for the government that won't leave us in peace – they're going to steal our property for our refusal to finance their atrocities with our taxes.

But we want you to understand that every one of you can provide for yourself quite easily and enjoyably. And it's only robbery in law, enforced by militant violence, does everything to **prevent the working people from becoming independent of the parasites**.

Which changes the whole perception of the government – from a "provider" of your sustenance - to the core blockader of your peaceful and natural life.

14. Moral is NOT Rational

> *The lives of people of our world are organized in a way that the greatest rewards are given for the work causing the most damage: for service in the police, army, courts, banks, media, pharmaceuticals, etc. And the least is given for the agricultural work. Therefore,* ***it's unfair to measure work by its monetary reward****. (Tolstoy)*

The proponents of utility will try to dissuade you from farming. Let the apparent unprofitability not be your motif. You've seen who negative conditions, and public attitude, are fabricated artificially. Don't let them confuse you.

The proponents of rationality, will always tell: "The evil machine is so huge, that whatever you endeavor, you're not going to stop or even affect it, and you'll only suffer in vain.

If you refuse to pay property taxes - those are chicken fees for the government, they're not going to stop them doing what they're doing, but you'll sacrifice your home, your prosperity, your well-being.

Tropical fruits and other fancy items may cost lives, but you're too little to change anything, even if you refuse to consume them..."

If all would follow such rational reasoning, the world's wisdom, no one would ever combat evil.

> *"The weight of evil would have crushed men long ago if it wasn't for the people **guided not by concerns of the consequences** of their behaviour but by inner accord of their acts with the calls of their conscience." (Tolstoy, The law of love and the law of violence)*

What is wise before people, is abomination before God.

> *Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. (Emerson, on Self Reliance)*

Don't think your voice is too weak, either.

> *If thinking men are few, they are for that reason all the more powerful. Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power. Whoever becomes imbued with a noble idea kindles a flame from which other torches are lit, and influences those with whom he comes in contact, be they few or many. How far that influence, thus perpetuated, may extend, it is not given to him here to see. But it may be that the Lord of the Vineyard will know. (George, Social problems)*
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> *Every reform was once a private opinion. (Emerson, History)*
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> *Power is always in the hands of the masses of men. **What oppresses the masses is their own ignorance**, and their own **short-sighted selfishness**. (George, Social problems)*
>
> *Only when we bring in it the consciousness of our spirituality, the most insignificant duty won't seem to us too low for us. (Martineau)*

Human ideas of rationality (or even justice) are incompatible with pure morality. Morality must be the only motif, or it's no longer morality. It must disregard any obstacles, temptations, distractions the world influences with. That's why it's told by all sages that we must do our work before God and God alone, and not before people, if we want to be on the right side.

> *The act of true goodness has nothing to do with material, worldly, welfare. When material help concurs with the execution of moral law, it injures human soul. The* ***highest spiritual growth is achieved in the conditions of suffering which is produced by the conflict between moral good and material good****. (Tolstoy)*

Which means if you know that the moral act would cause you to suffer materially, this is the sign you especially must do it, and this alone will bring you the highest spiritual growth. These kind of choices are what are required of us by God.

In this irrational world, you can't be guided by what is rational. If you want to save your soul, your only guide must be what's moral.

> *"****Proponents of utility****, or usefulness,* ***have no morality other than the code of gain****, and no religion other than religion of material good. They found body of a man mutilated and exhausted by poverty, and in their ill-considered zeal said to themselves, 'Let us heal this body; when it is strong, fat, well-fed, the soul will return to it.'*
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> *But I say that* ***body can be cured only by healing the soul****. In it is the root of the disease; bodily diseases are only external manifestations of the illness. Modern humanity is dying from the lack of common faith that binds earth to the sky, universe to God. It's from the absence of this religion of spirit, from which left only empty words and lifeless forms, from the complete absence of consciousness of duty, of the ability to sacrifice himself, man, like a savage, fell, spread out to dust, and erected on an empty altar the idol to "profit". Despots and princes of this world became his high priests. They created this repugnant doctrine of profit, which read,*

'Everyone is only for their own, everyone is only for himself.'"
(Giuseppe Mazzini)

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